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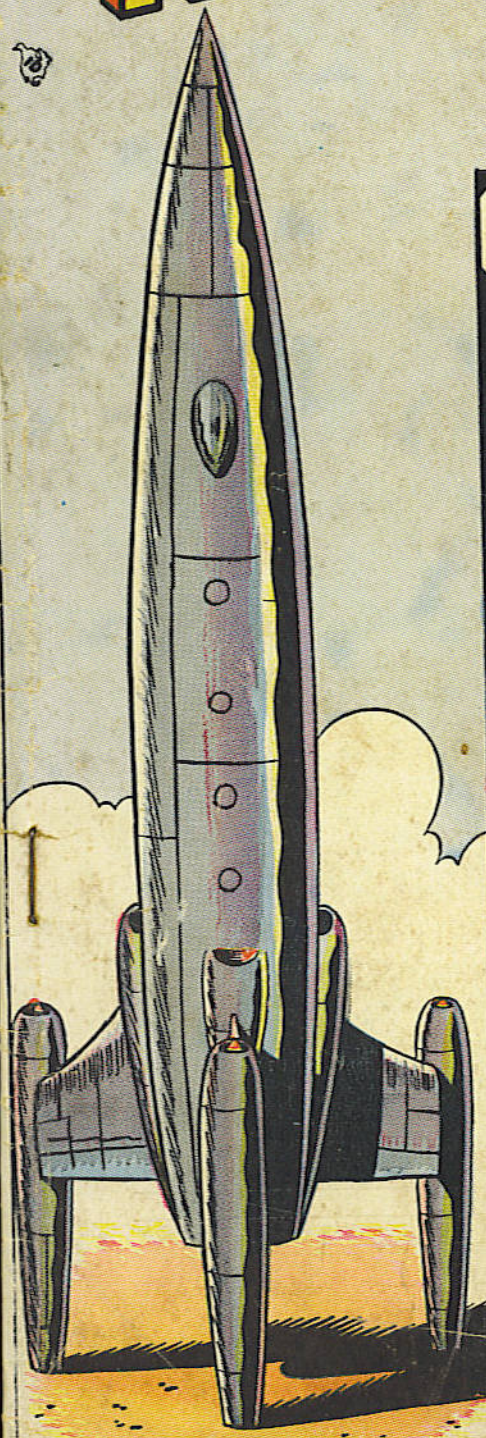


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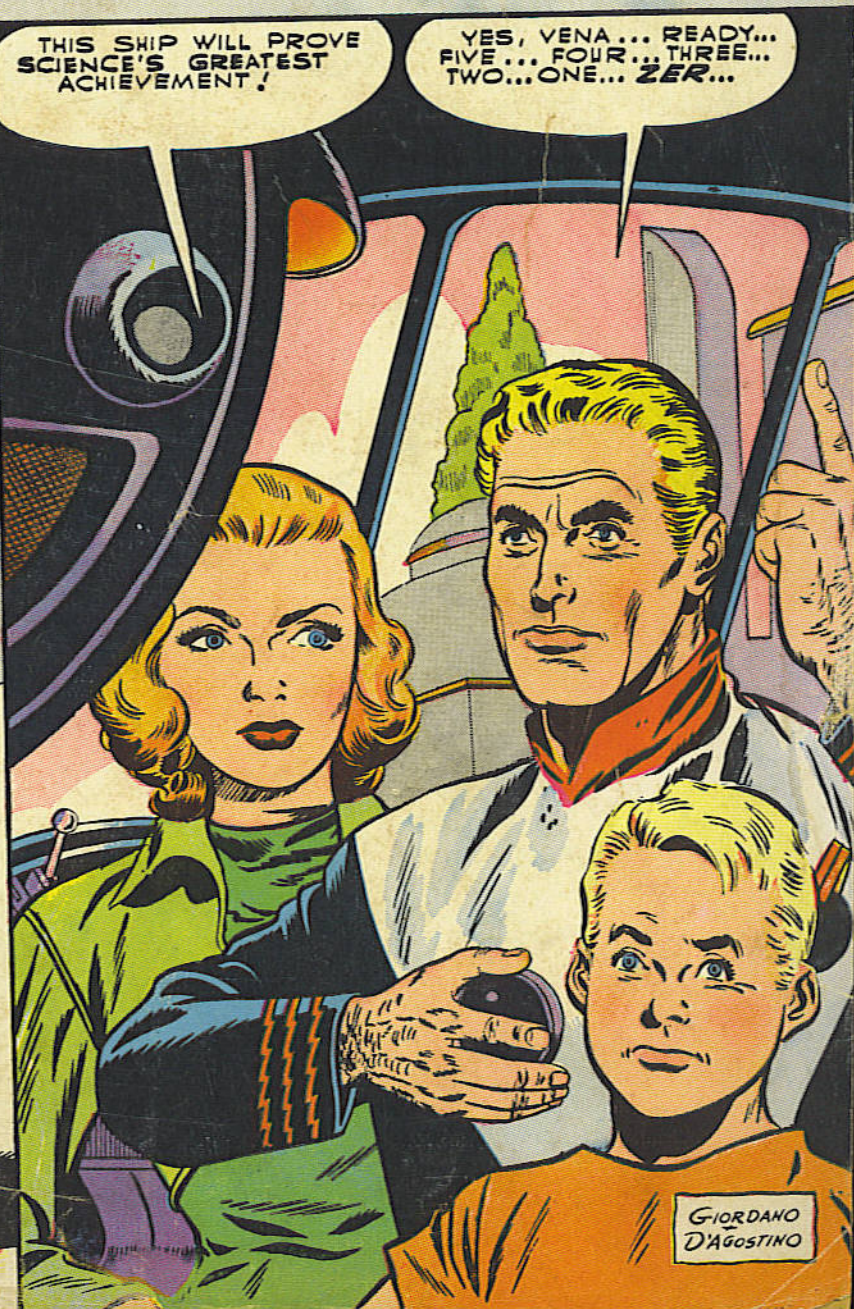
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THIS SHIP WILL PROVE
SCIENCE'S GREATEST
ACHIEVEMENT!

YES, VENA... READY...
FIVE... FOUR... THREE...
TWO... ONE... **ZER...**



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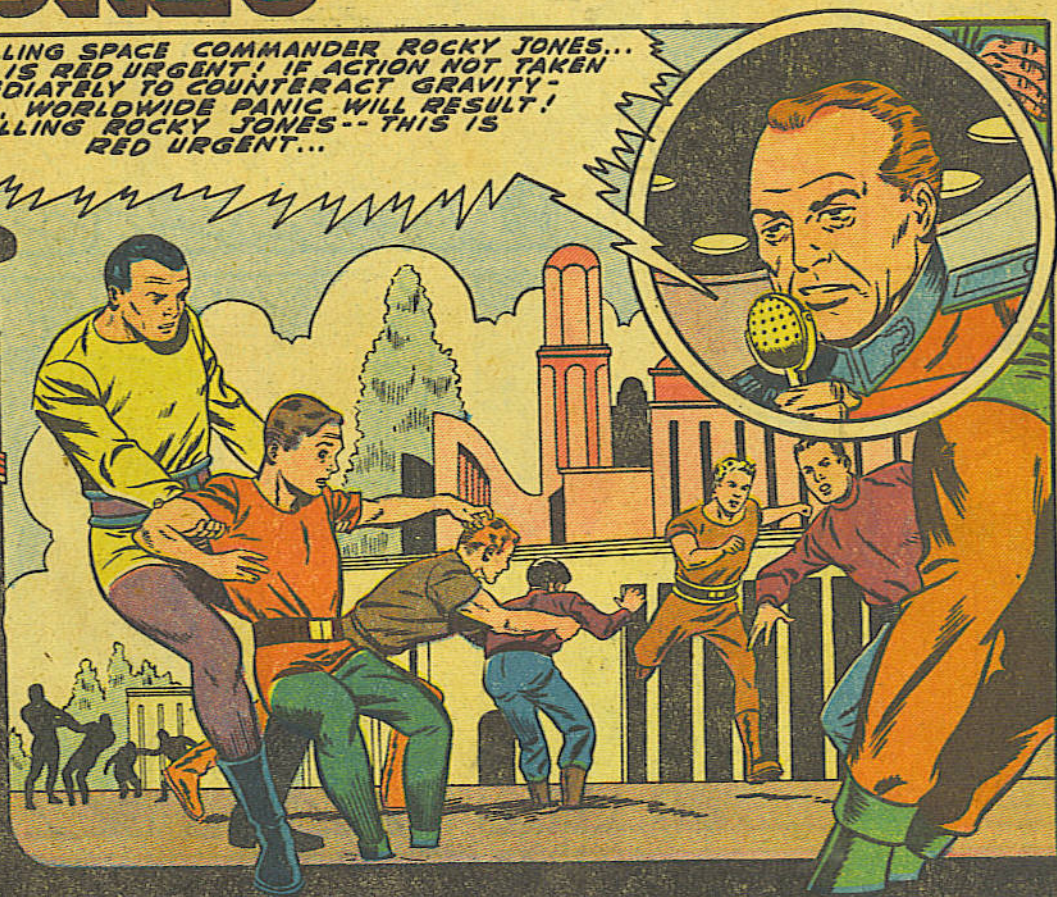
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ROCKY JONES

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GRAVITY-PLUS

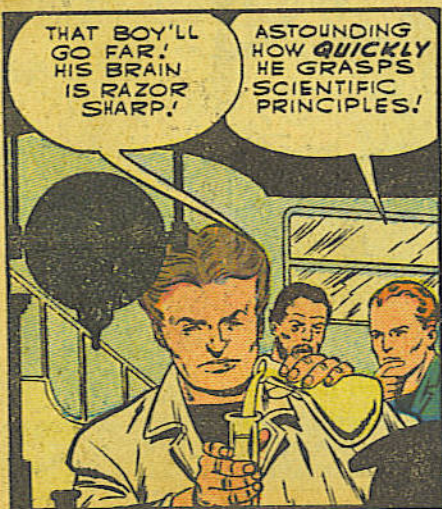
CALLING SPACE COMMANDER ROCKY JONES...
THIS IS RED URGENT! IF ACTION NOT TAKEN
IMMEDIATELY TO COUNTERACT GRAVITY-
PLUS, WORLDWIDE PANIC WILL RESULT!
CALLING ROCKY JONES-- THIS IS
RED URGENT...



MANY YEARS AGO WHEN GALEN WAS A YOUNG MAN, HIS TEACHERS WERE CERTAIN A BRILLIANT CAREER LAY AHEAD OF HIM...

THAT BOY'LL GO FAR! HIS BRAIN IS RAZOR SHARP!

ASTOUNDING HOW QUICKLY HE GRASPS SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES!



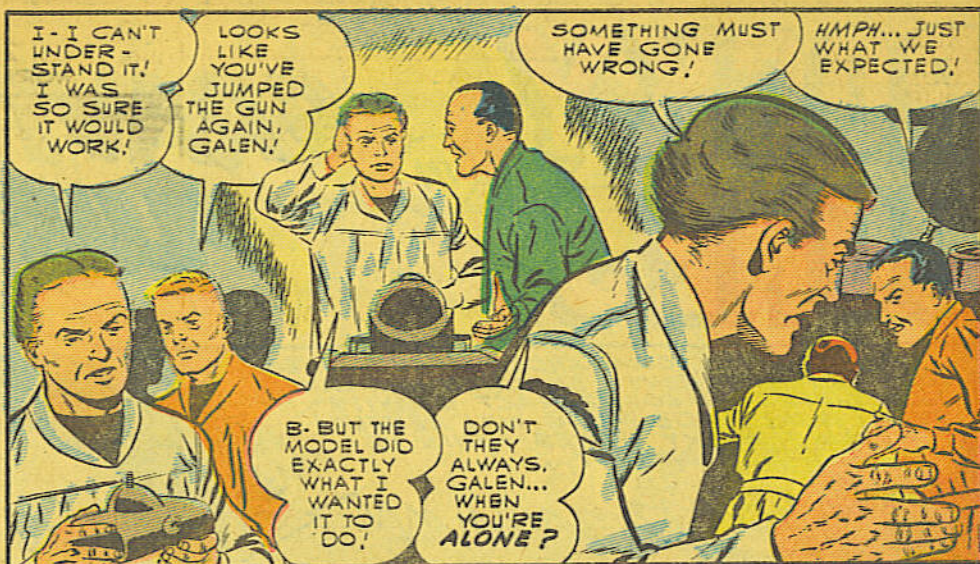
THAT WAS GALEN'S WHOLE TROUBLE -- HIS QUICKNESS! FOR AS THE YEARS PASSED, HE NEVER DEVELOPED THE PATIENCE THAT A SCIENTIST NEEDS TO SEE A PROJECT THROUGH LABORIOUSLY FROM START TO FINISH...

I'VE DONE IT, I TELL YOU! IN **FOUR SHORT DAYS**, I'VE HIT WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE HAS BEEN GROPING AFTER FOR CENTURIES!

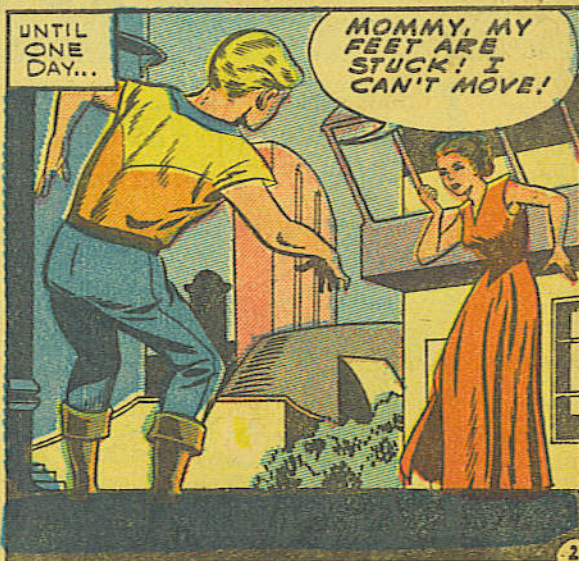
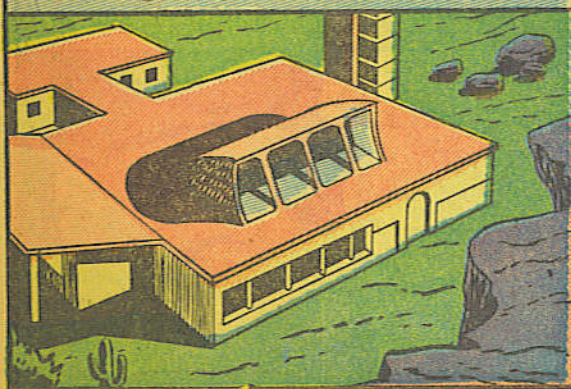


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TIME AFTER TIME, HIS EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS STARTLED THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD! BUT HE HAD ALWAYS SPOKEN TOO SOON... AND AT THE DEMONSTRATIONS OF HIS PREMATURE DISCOVERIES...



AND SO GALEN BUILT A LABORATORY IN A LONELY DESERT! THERE, AMONG A SHAMBLES OF TEST TUBES AND BEAKERS, DRIVEN BY A BURNING PASSION FOR REVENGE, HE SLAVED FOR ENDLESS HOURS! THE YEARS PASSED SLOWLY... AND THE WORLD FORGOT GALEN WHOM IT HAD ONCE SCORNE...



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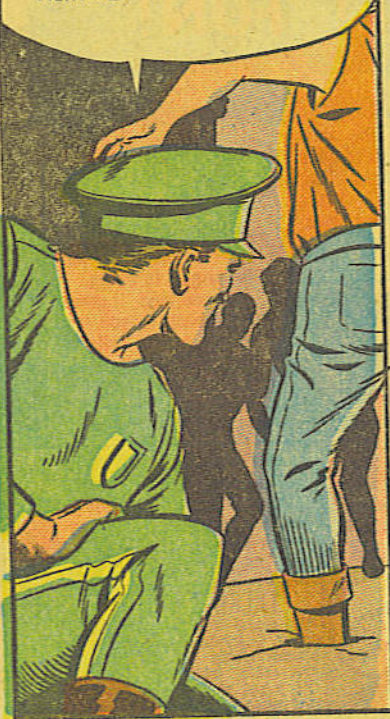
I CAN'T
BUDGE
HIM, MA'AM!
DOES IT
HURT,
SON!

NO, BUT
I CAN'T
MOVE!



AFTER HOURS OF FRANTIC
TUGGING...

HEY, LOOK... HIS FEET
ARE SINKING INTO THE
PAVEMENT! HE'S DOWN
ALMOST TWO INCHES!

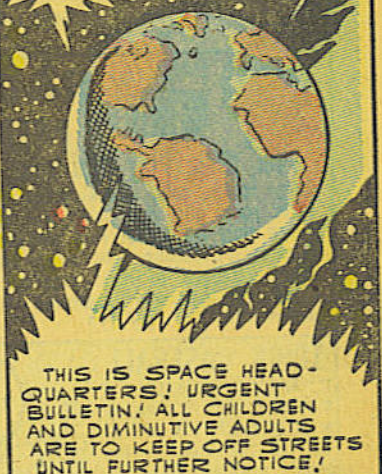


REPORTS OF THE IDENTICAL
PHENOMENON START POUR-
ING FROM ALL OVER THE
WORLD...

FRANCE CALLING,
376 TODAY!

GERMANY
CALLING,
412...

U.S.S.R.,
210...

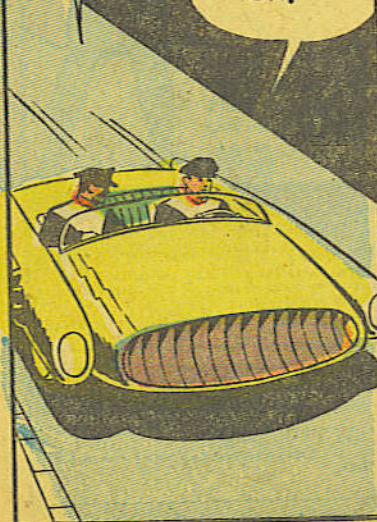


THIS IS SPACE HEAD-
QUARTERS! URGENT
BULLETIN! ALL CHILDREN
AND DIMINUTIVE ADULTS
ARE TO KEEP OFF STREETS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

AND NOW **ROCKY JONES**
IS SPEEDING TO SPACE
HEADQUARTERS...

THIS MAKES
THE UMPTENTH
REST LEAVE
THAT'S BUSTED
WIDE OPEN
FOR US!

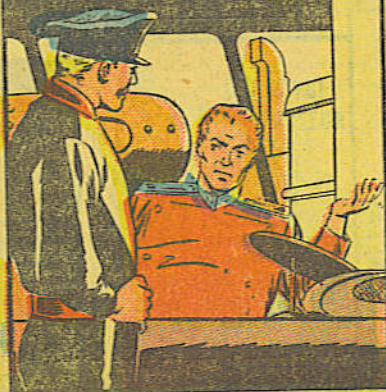
FORGET
REST
LEAVES,
WINKY--
THIS IS A
RED
URGENT
WE'RE BEING
CALLED IN
ON!



LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF SPACE...

...THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY,
JONES! THE CHILDREN
ARE STILL SINKING INTO
THE EARTH A
FRACTION OF AN
INCH AT A TIME!
NONE OF THEM
ARE IN ANY
PAIN-- BUT
PANIC IS
STARTING
TO SPREAD!

HMM--
AND
OUR
SCIENTISTS
CAN'T
COME UP
WITH ANY
EXPLAIN-
ATION, YOU
SAY?



JUST THEN...

CALL FROM OUTER SPACE,
SIR! IT'S FROM A MAN
WHO SAYS HE HAS THE
KEY TO WHAT'S GOING
ON DOWN HERE ON
EARTH! HE SAYS
HIS NAME IS...
GALEN!



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COME IN, GALEN!
DRAKE SPEAKING...
TELL ME FAST
WHAT YOU HAVE
TO SAY! I'M
A BUSY
MAN!

SPEAK
SOFTLY,
DRAKE.
I AM A
SENSITIVE
MAN! OH,
BY THE WAY,
WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF MY
**GRAVITY-
PLUS**
MACHINE?

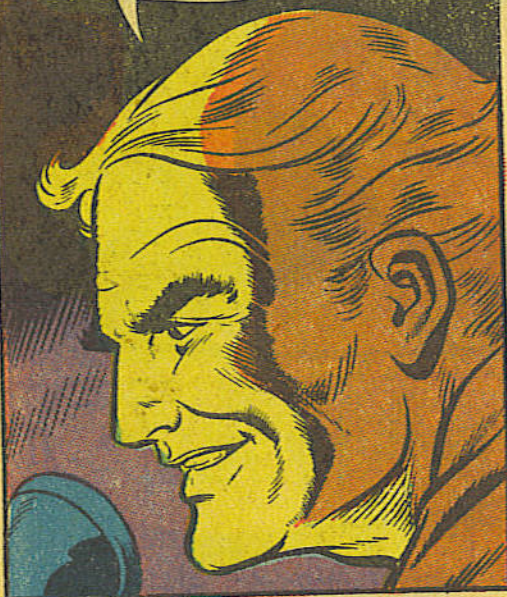


I HAVE NO
TIME FOR
JOKES...
WHOEVER
YOU ARE!

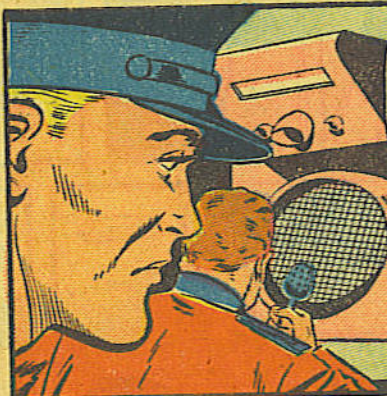
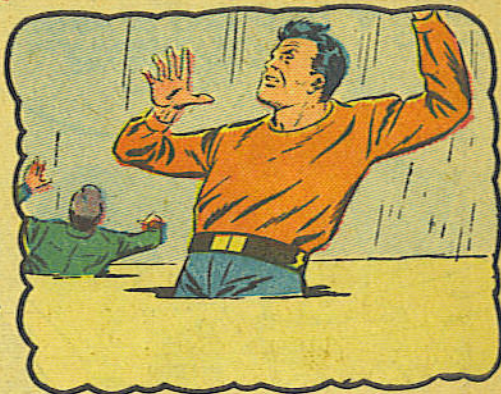


LOOK UP THE OLD SCIENTIFIC
JOURNALS, AND YOU'LL FIND OUT!
HOW WAS I SCORNEO! BUT
NOW AT LAST, DRAKE, I HAVE
INVENTED SOMETHING THAT
WORKS! AND MY GRAVITY-
PLUS MACHINE IS TRAINED
ON EARTH FROM THIS
ABANDONED SPACE
STATION!

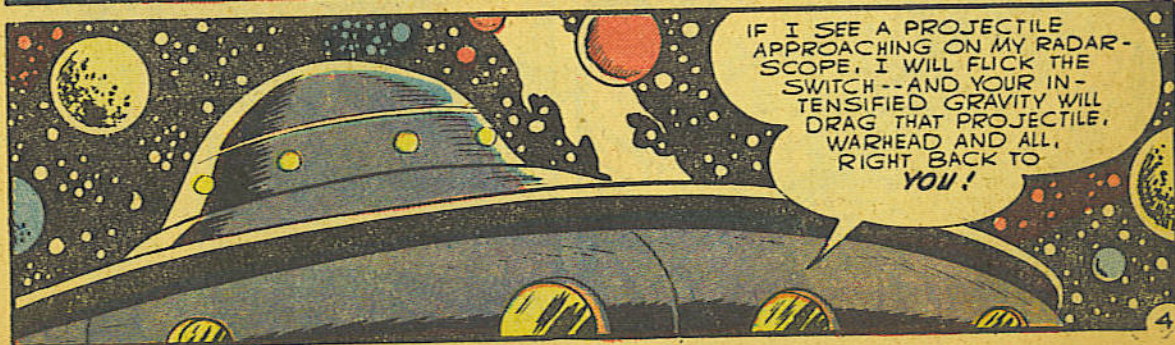
SO, SPEAK SOFTLY, DRAKE--
FOR IF I LOSE MY TEMPER, ALL
IT WILL TAKE IS ONE FLICK OF
MY FINGER TO ACCELERATE
THE MACHINE FROM ITS
LOWEST FREQUENCY TO
ITS HIGHEST...



...AND EARTH'S
GRAVITY
FORCE
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SO GREAT
THAT
EVERYONE
WILL BE
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AT
SUPER
VELOCITY...

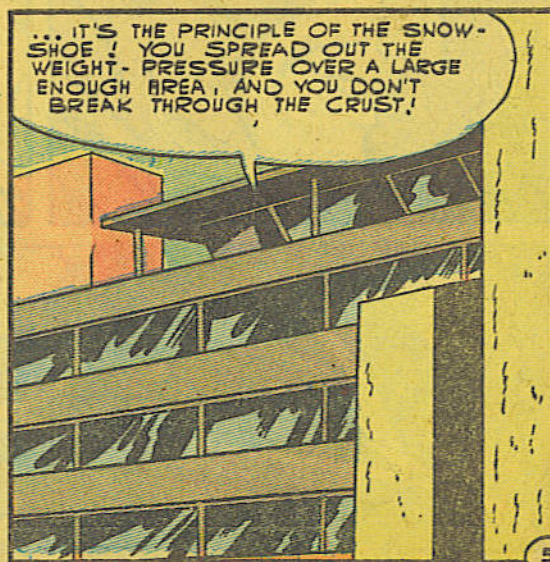
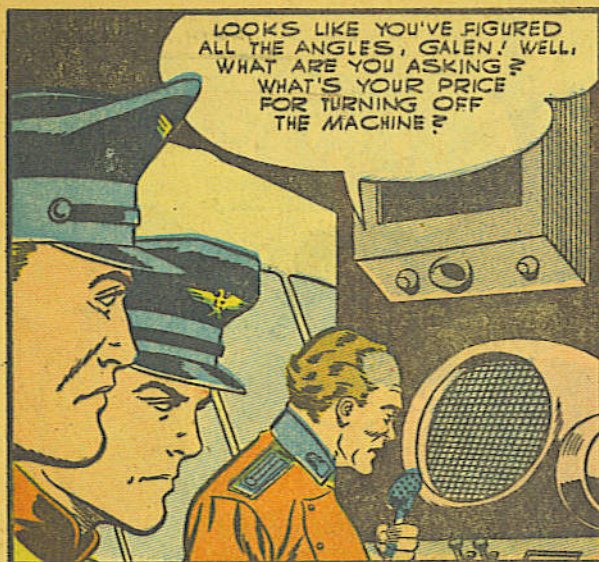


YOU'RE A MAD-
MAN, GALEN!
NOW THAT WE
ARE IN COMMUN-
ICATION WITH
YOU, WE CAN
PLOT YOUR
POSITION! SO
WHAT'S TO
PREVENT US
FROM BLAST-
ING YOU
OUT OF
SPACE?



IF I SEE A PROJECTILE
APPROACHING ON MY RADAR-
SCOPE, I WILL FLICK THE
SWITCH--AND YOUR IN-
TENSIFIED GRAVITY WILL
DRAG THAT PROJECTILE,
WARHEAD AND ALL,
RIGHT BACK TO
YOU!

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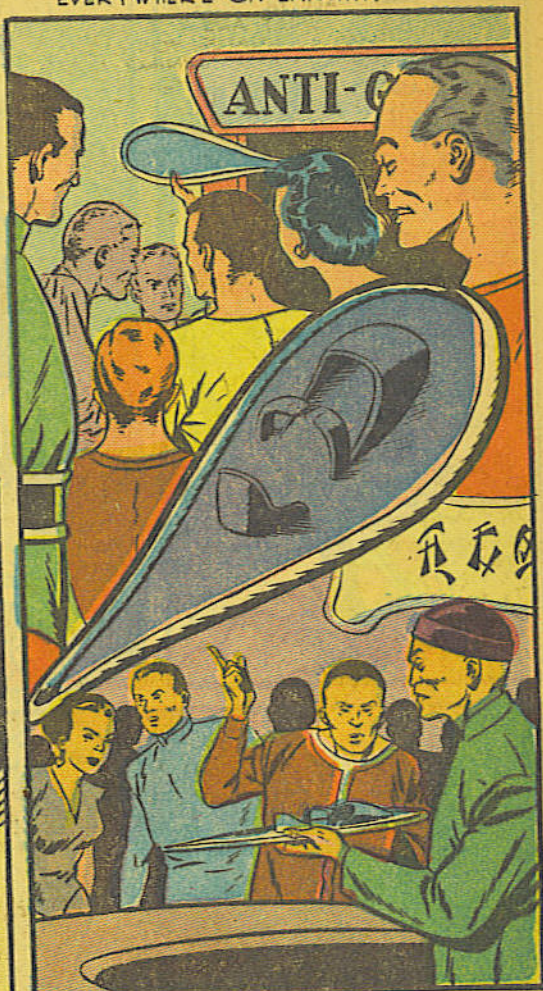
AS A RESULT OF ROCKY'S BRAIN-STORM, STATE CONTROLLED FACTORIES START GOING FULL BLAST...

REALLY THINK THESE'LL DO THE JOB, ROCKY?

AS LONG AS GALEN DOESN'T STEP UP THAT MACHINE OF HIS TOO MUCH, THEY WILL!



THE ANTI-GRAVITY SHOES ARE DISTRIBUTED EVERYWHERE ON EARTH...



THE CHILDREN HAVE GONE DOWN ANOTHER TWO INCHES, JONES! THEY'RE STILL IN FAIR SHAPE... BUT HOW LONG CAN THIS GO ON?

COULD BE THIS IS THE TIME FOR DIRECT ACTION, SIR!



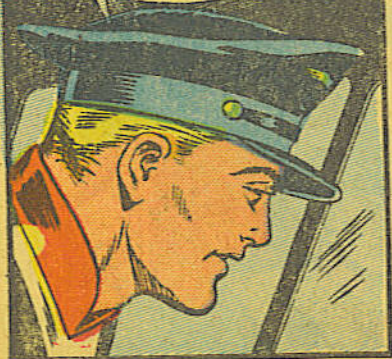
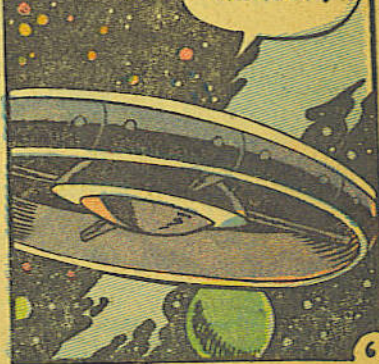
YOU RAISE GALEN ON THE ASTRAPHONE! STRING HIM ALONG... SOFT-SOAP HIM... TRY TO WORK IT SO THAT HE GETS SO INVOLVED WITH ALL THE PRAISE HEADING HIS WAY, THAT THERE'LL BE A 50-50 CHANCE OF HIS TEARING HIS EYES OFF THE RADARSCOPE...

...MEANWHILE I'LL TRY BLASTING OFF WITH THE ORBIT JET TO MOUNT SNEAK ATTACK ON HIM!

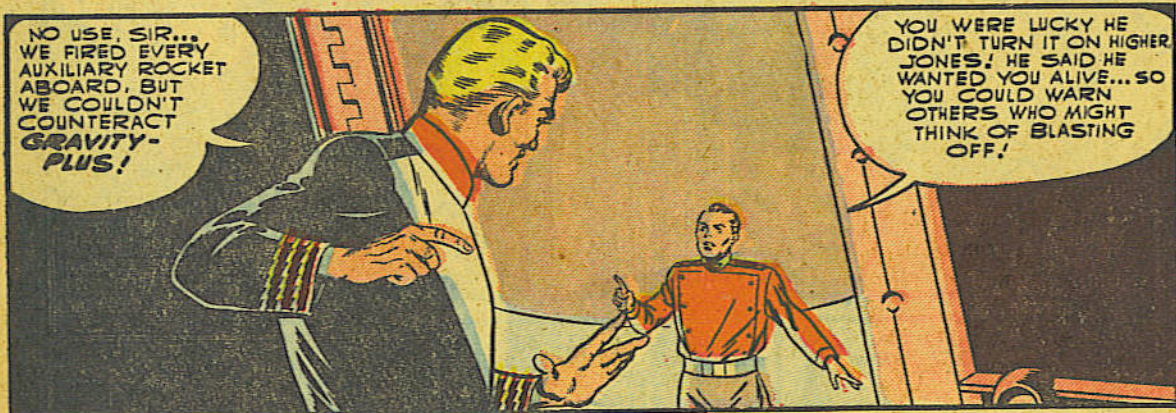


THIS IS DRAKE SPEAKING... CAN YOU HEAR ME, GALEN? I'VE CONSULTED THE COUNCIL OF SCIENTISTS ON YOUR GRAVITY-PLUS MACHINE... AND THEIR VERDICT IS THAT IT'S THE GREATEST INVENTION OF ALL TIME!

REALLY?

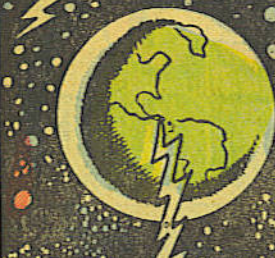


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HELLO, JONES... I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR ROUND TRIP THE OTHER DAY!



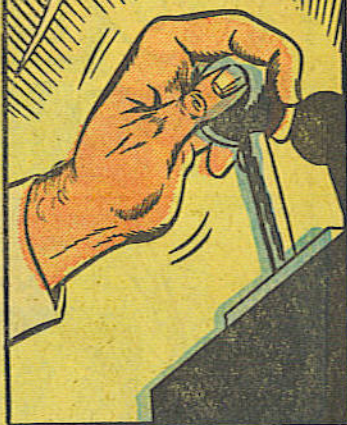
LISTEN HARD, GALEN-- I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU A SECOND MORE THAN I HAVE TO...

...YOU'RE A FOOL, GALEN! A STUPID MISERABLE FAILURE WHO'S WASTED HIS WHOLE LIFE! YOU CALL YOUR GRAVITY-PLUS MACHINE A GREAT INVENTION? IT'S NOTHING BUT A **USELESS GIMMICK!**

I... I WARNED ALL OF YOU ON EARTH NEVER (CHOKES) TO SPEAK TO ME THIS WAY...



...NOW YOU'VE MADE ME LOSE MY TEMPER!



HE TURNED HIS MACHINE ON FULL FORCE-- BUT WE'RE NOT BEING DRAGGED DOWN!

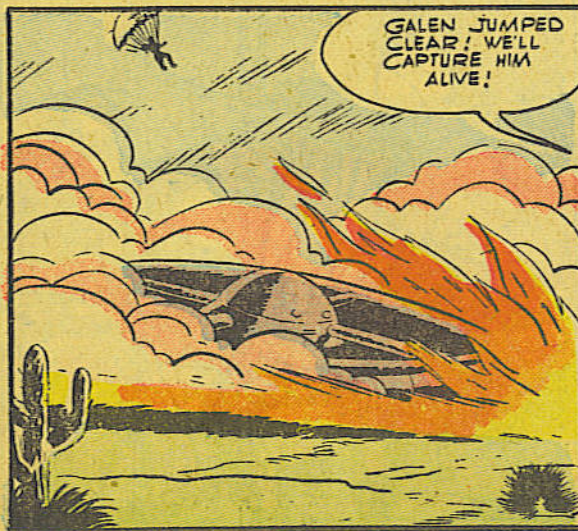


MEANWHILE, UP IN SPACE...



EARTH'S MAXIMUM GRAVITY IS BY-PASSING EVERYTHING ELSE! IT'S EXERTING ITS FULL FORCE ON MY MACHINE! I-I'M BEING DRAGGED DOWN TO EARTH!

GALEN JUMPED CLEAR! WE'LL CAPTURE HIM ALIVE!



LATER...

AFTER CHECKING MY HUNCH ABOUT MAXIMUM GRAVITY EXERTING ALL ITS FORCE, LIKE A BOUNCING BALL, ON THE GRAVITY-PLUS MACHINE, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS GO OVER SOME NAVIGATION CHARTS TO FIGURE OUT THE SPLIT-SECOND TO NEEDLE GALEN! AND I WORKED SO WHEN HE CRASHED, IT WOULD BE IN THE EMPTY DESERT!



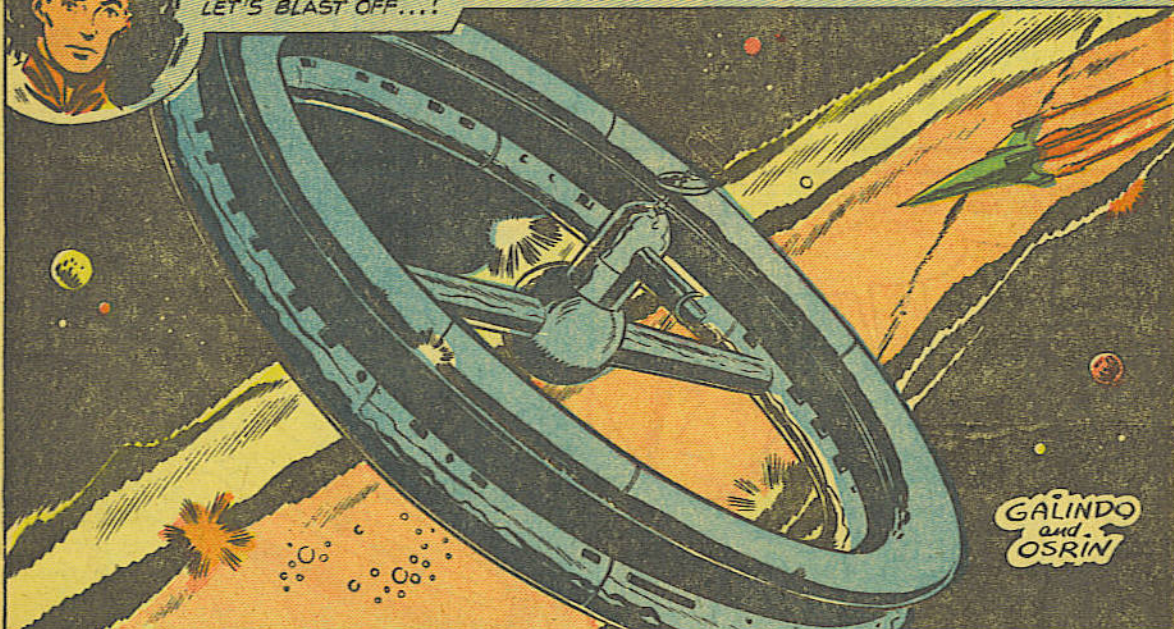
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ROCKY JONES *in* The PRISON PLANETOID



HI, SPACE FANS -- THIS IS ROCKY JONES HEADING YOUR WAY WITH A TALE THAT'S GUARANTEED TO KEEP YOU ON THE EDGE OF YOUR CONTOUR SEATS FROM ITS ACTION-PACKED START TO ITS SNAPPER ENDING! ...GOT YOUR VIZEOGRAPHS TUNED IN? OKAY-- LET'S BLAST OFF...!



GALINDO
and
OSRIN

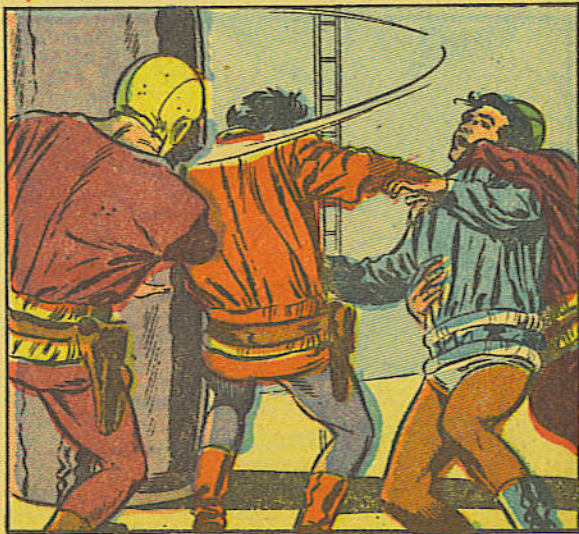
THAT CARGO SHIP COMING IN FOR REFUELING AT SPACE PLATFORM X 21, IS THE HELLAS, LOADED TO THE GILLS WITH VALUABLE DURANIUM -- BUT WHAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE HELLAS DOES NOT KNOW...

...IS THAT X 21 HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY SPIDER MASON AND HIS GANG OF SPACE PIRATES!

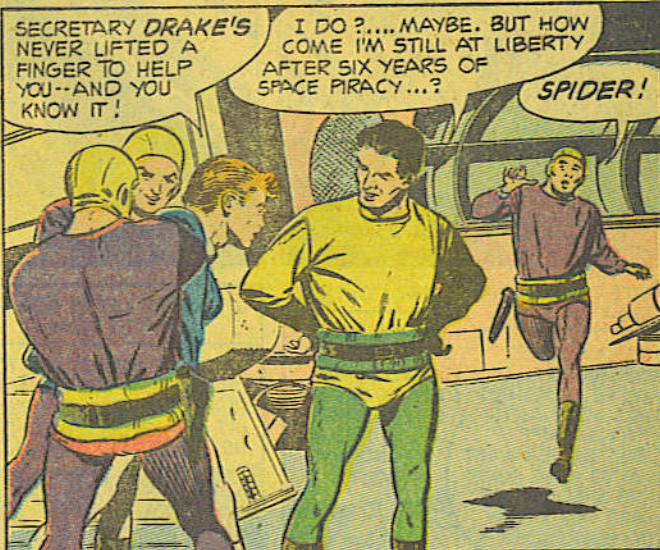
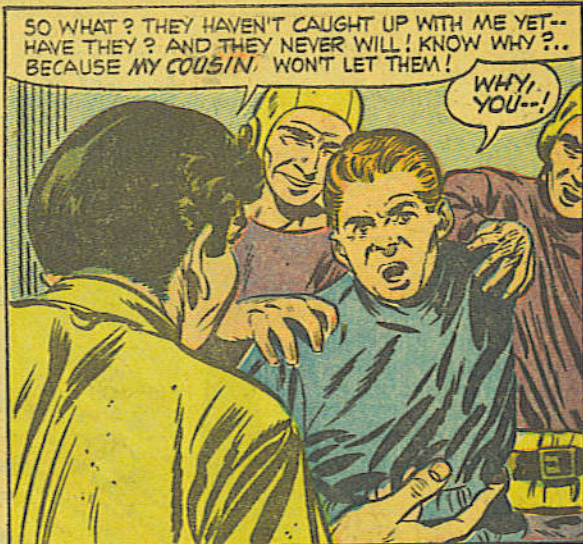
THE HELLAS LANDS --- AND THE TRAP SPRINGS!



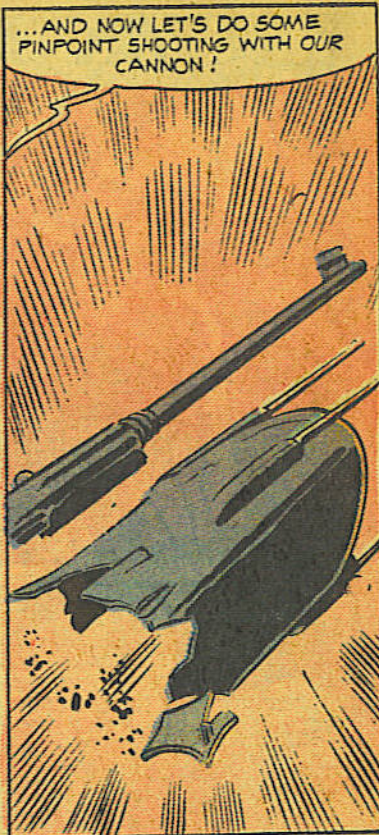
COME IN, HELLAS! WE'RE READY FOR YOU....!



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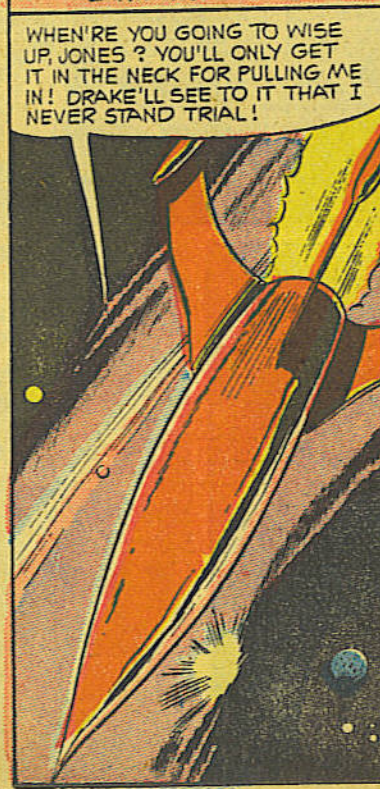
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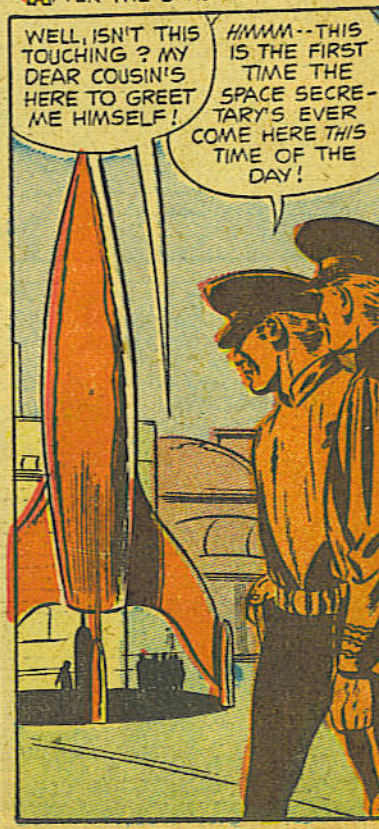
LATER IN THE ARTILLERY CONTROL ROOM ON X 21 ...



THE ORBIT JET IS HEADING FOR EARTH NOW!



AFTER THE LANDING ---



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I'M HERE FOR ONE REASON, MASON--TO MAKE CLEAR THAT MY ONLY LOYALTY IS TO THE GENERAL WELFARE! YOU WILL STAND TRIAL LIKE A COMMON CRIMINAL...YOU CANNOT EXPECT ANY HELP FROM ME!

SURE, COUSIN, SURE---I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR PUTTING ON THIS ACT, AFTER ALL, WE HAVE TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD!



SPIDER MASON'S TRIAL ENDS SWIFTLY!

THE DEFENDANT IS FOUND GUILTY OF SPACE PIRACY... AND IS HEREBY SENTENCED TO EXILE FOR LIFE ON THE PRISON PLANETOID, XERXES!



THAT NIGHT, IN SECRETARY DRAKE'S OFFICE--

SPACE COMMANDER JONES REPORTING AS ORDERED, SIR!

SIT DOWN, JONES. NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY...



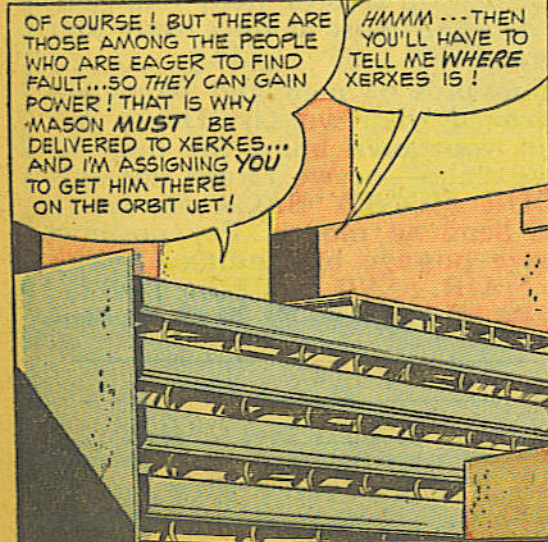
NOW MASON IS BOASTING THAT HIS SENTENCE WILL NEVER BE CARRIED OUT! AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE BELIEVE HIM! THEY FEEL HE COULDN'T HAVE REMAINED AT LIBERTY SO LONG UNLESS I'D BEEN INTERCEDING IN HIS FAVOR!

BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE, SIR! THE SPACE RANGERS WERE ON A SPECIAL MISSION ALL THAT TIME. WE NABBED HIM AS SOON AS WE GOT BACK!

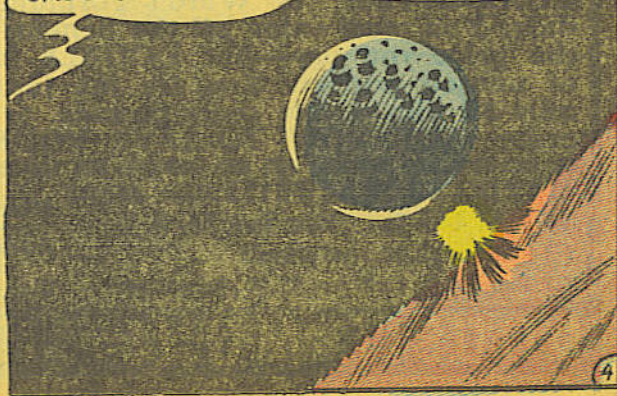


OF COURSE! BUT THERE ARE THOSE AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO ARE EAGER TO FIND FAULT...SO THEY CAN GAIN POWER! THAT IS WHY MASON **MUST** BE DELIVERED TO XERXES... AND I'M ASSIGNING YOU TO GET HIM THERE ON THE ORBIT JET!

HMMM...THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL ME **WHERE** XERXES IS!

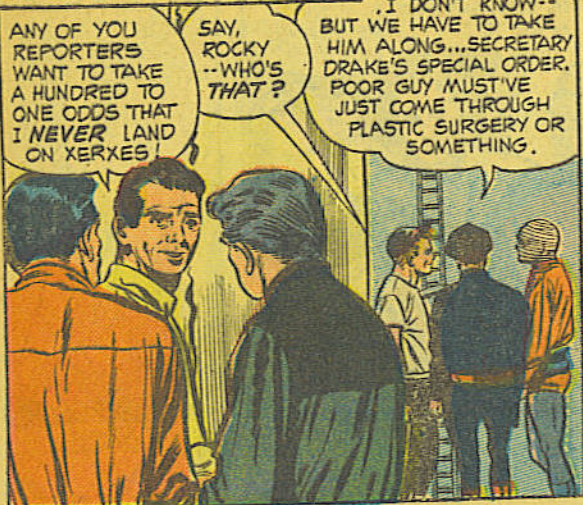


THAT'S RIGHT--AND YOU'LL HAVE TO SWEAR YOUR CREW TO SECRECY! OUR WORST CRIMINALS ARE ALL EXILED THERE...IF ITS LOCATION IN SPACE EVER LEAKS OUT, THEIR CONFEDERATES STILL AT LARGE, WILL BAND TOGETHER TO ATTEMPT A MASS PRISON BREAK!...NOW, JONES, I HAVE ONE MORE **SPECIAL ORDER** FOR YOU...

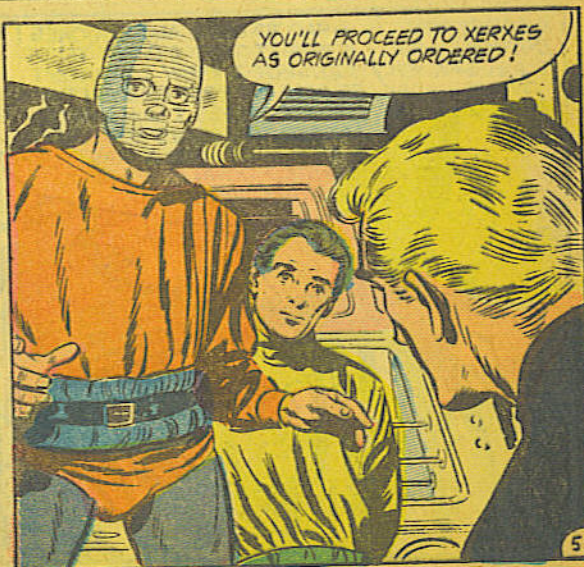
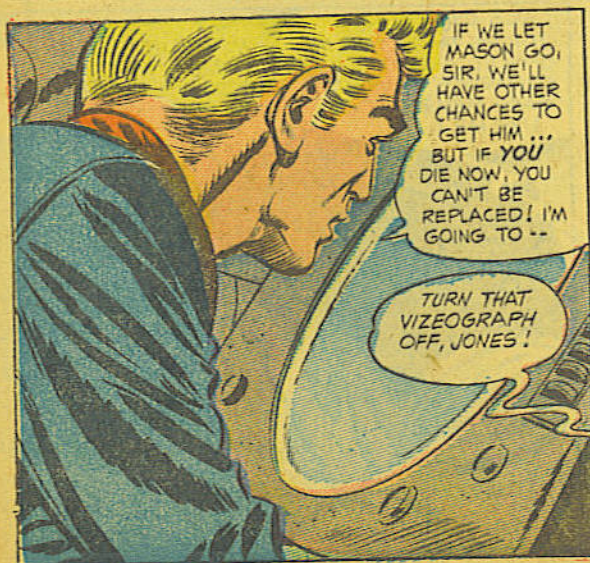
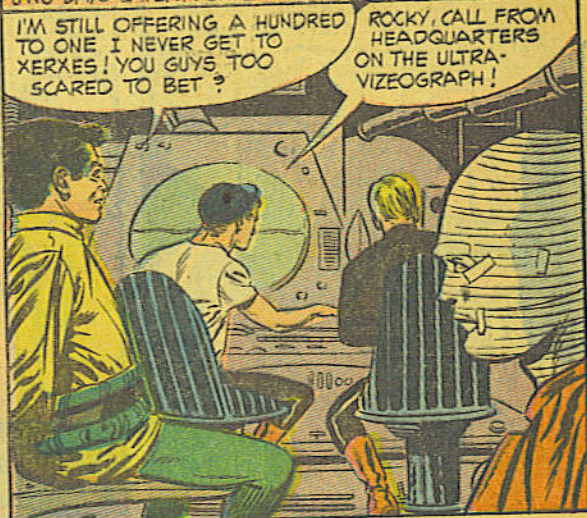


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THE ORBIT JET IS ABOUT TO BLAST OFF FOR XERXES, THE SECRET PRISON PLANETOID!



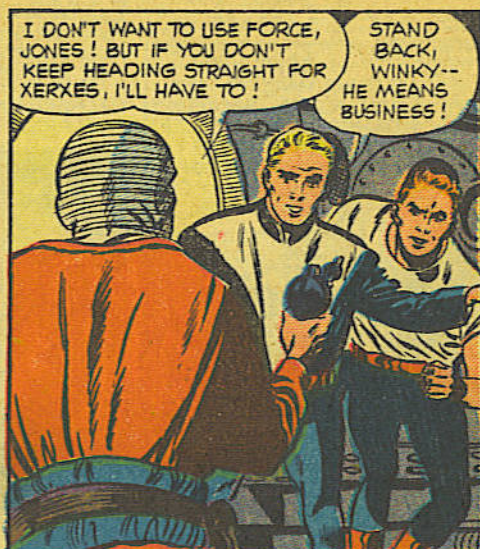
TWO DAYS LATER, HURTLING THROUGH SPACE...



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SEE HERE, MYSTERY MAN, I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS SHIP! AND WHAT I SAY--



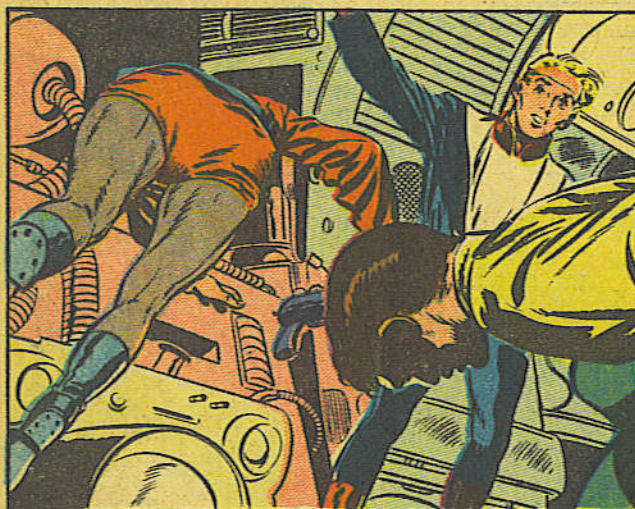
I DON'T WANT TO USE FORCE, JONES! BUT IF YOU DON'T KEEP HEADING STRAIGHT FOR XERXES, I'LL HAVE TO!

STAND BACK, WINKY-- HE MEANS BUSINESS!



I DON'T WANT TO USE FORCE EITHER! SO I'LL ...

THE BUTTON ROCKY PRESSED TRIGGERS OFF A SPEED-RETARDATION ROCKET--AND THE ORBIT JET LURCHES VIOLENTLY!



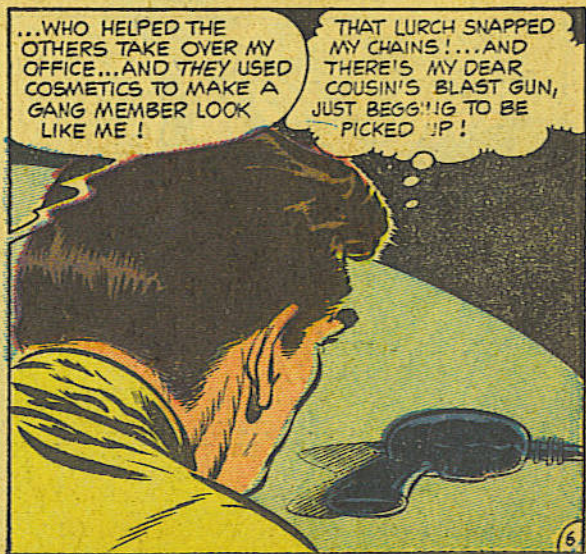
I HAVE HIM!... WINKY, CHANGE COURSE FOR SATURN!

JONES--PULL THE BANDAGES FROM MY FACE...AND YOU'LL SEE WHY YOU HAVE TO KEEP HEADING FOR XERXES!



SECRETARY DRAKE! B-BUT I JUST SAW YOU ON THE ...

I HAD TO COME ALONG, JONES! IT WASN'T THAT I DIDN'T TRUST YOU...BUT I KNEW I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REST OR EVEN THINK CLEARLY UNLESS I SAW HIM DELIVERED TO XERXES MYSELF!... MASON MUST HAVE A MAN PLANTED DOWN IN SPACE HEADQUARTERS ...



...WHO HELPED THE OTHERS TAKE OVER MY OFFICE...AND THEY USED COSMETICS TO MAKE A GANG MEMBER LOOK LIKE ME!

THAT LURCH SNAPPED MY CHAINS!...AND THERE'S MY DEAR COUSIN'S BLAST GUN, JUST BEGGING TO BE PICKED UP!

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ALL OF YOU, OVER AGAINST THE BULKHEAD! I'M IN CHARGE NOW!

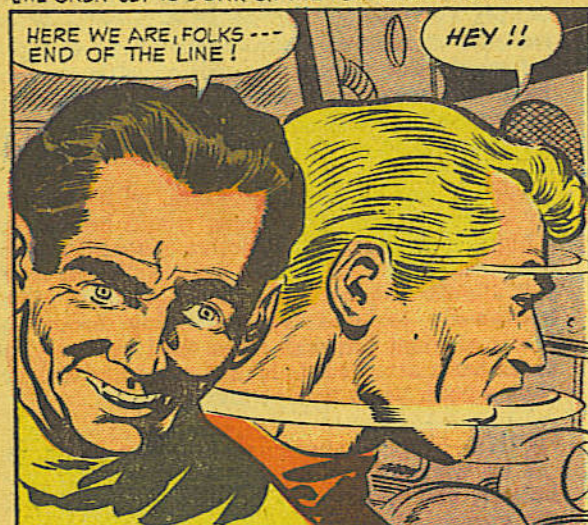


I'M GLAD YOU CAME ALONG, COUSIN! KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO?... BEFORE MEETING UP WITH MY GANG, I'M GOING TO MAROON YOU AND THIS CREW ON AN UN-CHARTERED PLANETOID! SO YOU WILL WIND UP WITH MY SENTENCE -- EXILED FOR LIFE!... JONES --- HAND OVER THAT NAVIGATION CHART!



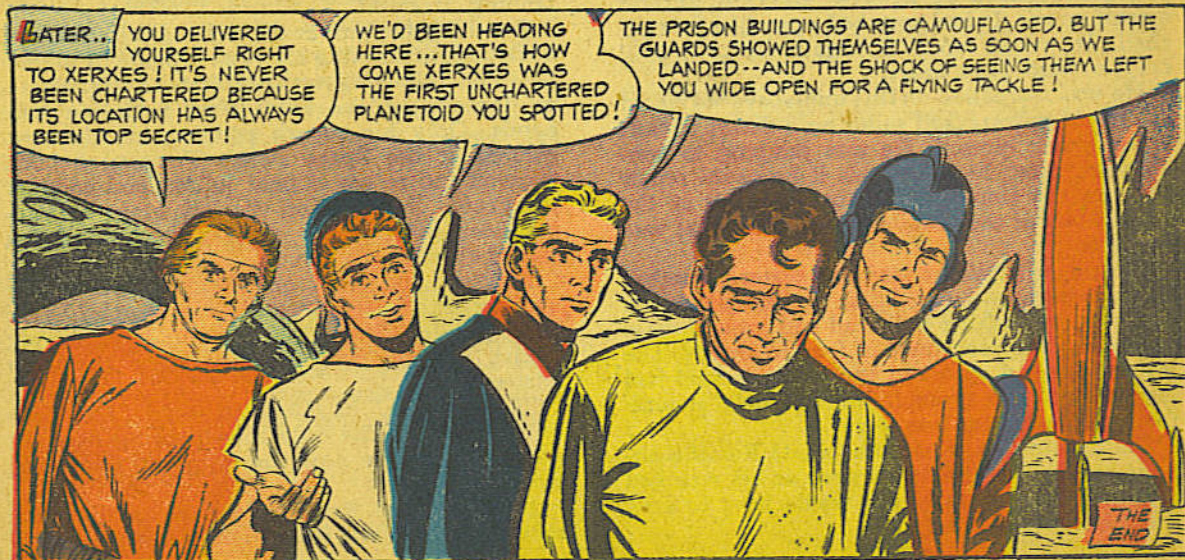
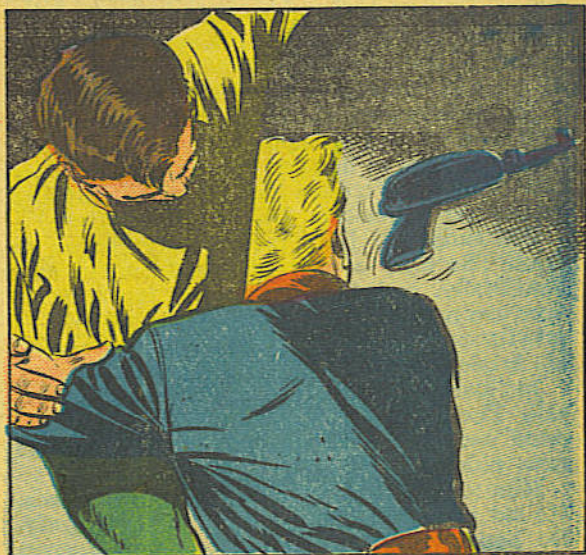
YUP, THERE'S ONE STRAIGHT AHEAD! IT'S NOT ON THE CHART....AND THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF LIFE!... BETTER STRAP YOURSELVES DOWN IF YOU WANT TO LAND IN ONE PIECE!

THE ORBIT JET IS DOWN ON THE PLANETOID NOW...



HERE WE ARE, FOLKS --- END OF THE LINE!

HEY !!



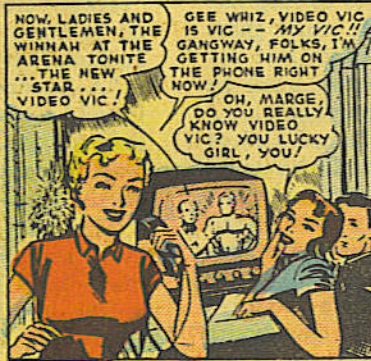
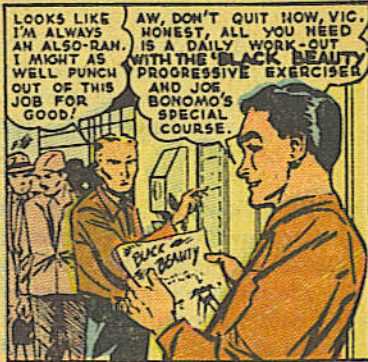
LATER... YOU DELIVERED YOURSELF RIGHT TO XERXES! IT'S NEVER BEEN CHARTERED BECAUSE ITS LOCATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TOP SECRET!

WE'D BEEN HEADING HERE...THAT'S HOW COME XERXES WAS THE FIRST UNCHARTERED PLANETOID YOU SPOTTED!

THE PRISON BUILDINGS ARE CAMOUFLAGED, BUT THE GUARDS SHOWED THEMSELVES AS SOON AS WE LANDED --AND THE SHOCK OF SEEING THEM LEFT YOU WIDE OPEN FOR A FLYING TACKLE!

THE END

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By
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INVENTIONS OF TOMORROW

HERE IT IS!

ANOTHER LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS IN OUR "INVENTIONS OF TOMORROW" CONTEST! CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LUCKY INVENTORS! YOUR PRIZES ARE ON THE WAY...

WINNER OF A
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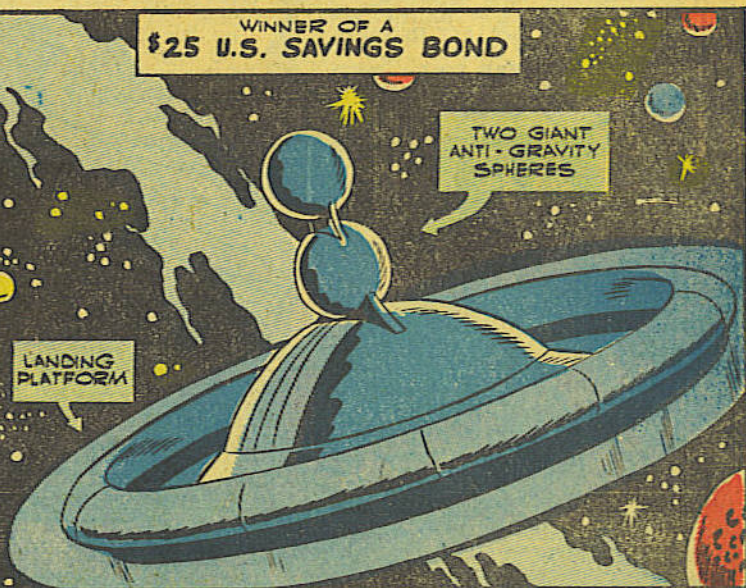
1ST PRIZE SPACE PLATFORM

THE SPACE PLATFORM WILL USE TWO GIANT ANTI-GRAVITY SPHERES TO MOOR THE MOBILE LANDING PLATFORM IN THE STRATOSPHERE! PREFABRICATED PARTS CARRIED WITHIN THE ANTI-GRAVITY SPHERES WILL BE ASSEMBLED IN FLIGHT AND THE DOME AND PLATFORM WILL BE COMPLETE! THE SPACE PLATFORM CAN BE MOVED TO ANY POSITION ABOVE EARTH GIVING US COMPLETE POWER TO INSURE PEACE!

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LANDING PLATFORM

TWO GIANT ANTI-GRAVITY SPHERES

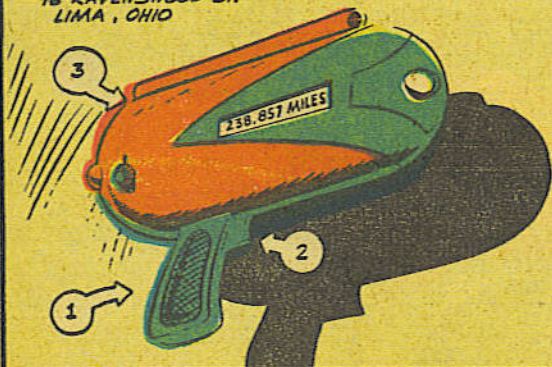


2ND PRIZE

WINNER OF A ROCKY JONES VENA SPACE SUIT DISTOMATIC

THE DISTOMATIC IS AN ELECTRONIC BRAIN THAT WILL MEASURE ANY DISTANCE IN SPACE, ACCURATE TO THE INCH AT THOUSANDS OF MILES! IT WILL BE USED FOR COMPUTING RANGES AND LOCATING DISABLED SPACE SHIPS! THE TARGET IS SIGHTED AT ①, LINED UP WITH THE SIGHT AT ②, ③ IS PULLED AND THE DISTANCE IS COMPUTED!

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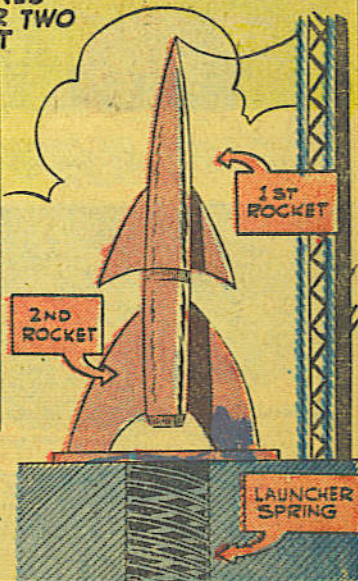
3RD PRIZE

WINNER OF A ROCKY JONES SPACE RANGER WRIST WATCH

SPRING POWERED LAUNCHER FOR TWO STAGE ROCKET

THE SPRING POWERED LAUNCHER WILL OVERCOME THE DISADVANTAGE OF FUEL DISSIPATION WHEN THE ROCKET SHIP BEGINS ITS FLIGHT! CONTROLLED ACCELERATION WILL PROTECT BOTH PASSENGERS AND CREW!

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THANKS FOR THE GREAT RESPONSE TO THE "INVENTIONS OF TOMORROW" CONTEST! WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN EXCITING NEW CONTEST IN YOUR NEXT ROCKY JONES ISSUE!

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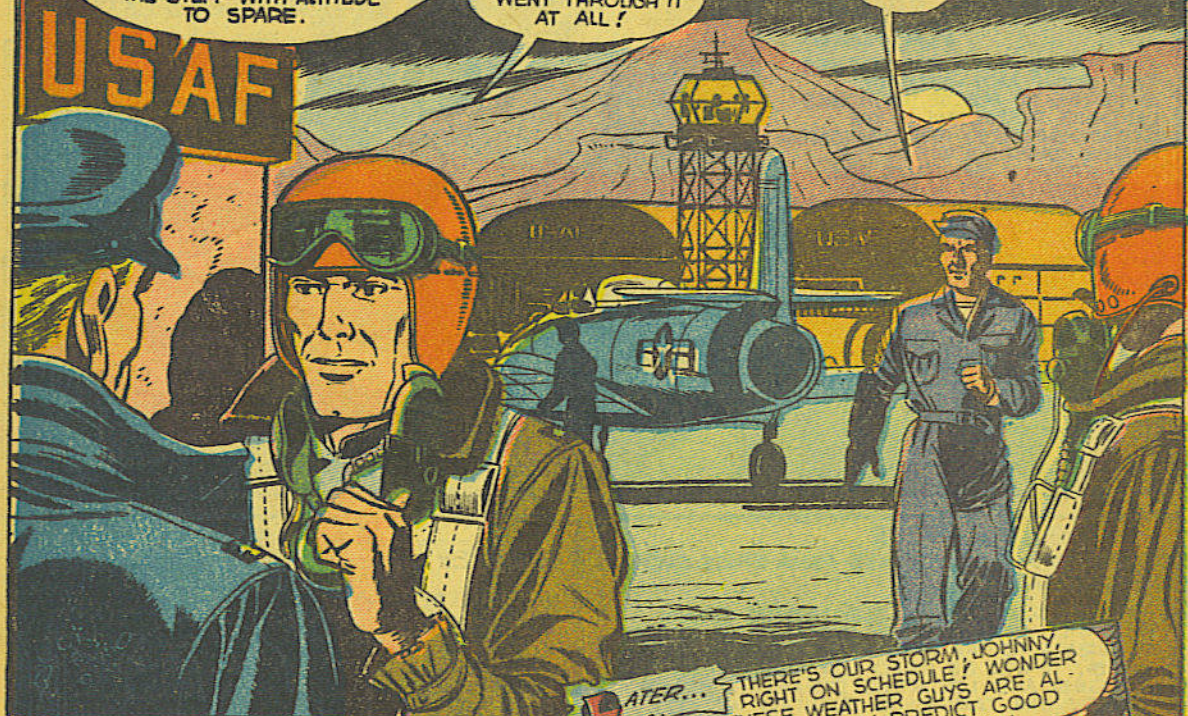
TWO WORLDS

ON THE WARM-UP APRON OF A NEW MEXICO AIR FORCE BASE LT. COLONEL "TEX" WARING AND HIS CO-PILOT, 2ND LT. JOHNNY WILDE, ARE BRIEFED BY THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR WESTOVER FIELD, MASSACHUSETTS...

YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOME WEATHER OVER THE MIDDLE WEST, TEX, BUT ACCORDING TO THE LAST REPORTS IT'S BELOW OUR CEILING. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FLY OVER THE STUFF WITH ALTITUDE TO SPARE.

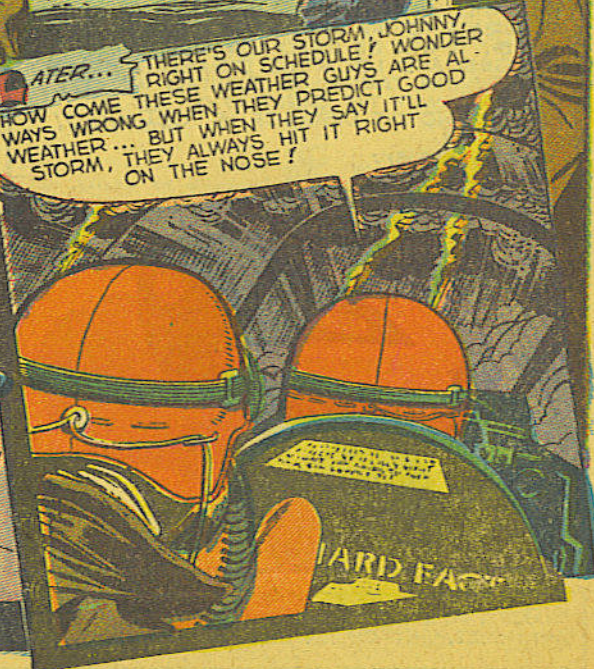
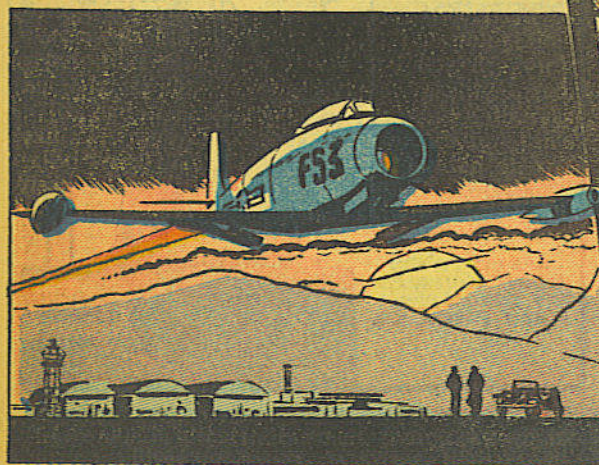
ONCE THIS THUNDERJET GETS GOING, SIR, WE'LL BE OUT EAST SO FAST WE'LL NEVER KNOW WE WENT THROUGH IT AT ALL!

SHE'S ALL SET, COLONEL WARING.



MOMENTS LATER THE FIGHTER LEAVES THE RUNWAY WITH A WHISTLING ROAR FROM THE TAIL PIPE.

LATER... THERE'S OUR STORM, JOHNNY, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! WONDER HOW COME THESE WEATHER GUYS ARE ALWAYS WRONG WHEN THEY PREDICT GOOD WEATHER... BUT WHEN THEY SAY IT'LL STORM, THEY ALWAYS HIT IT RIGHT ON THE NOSE!



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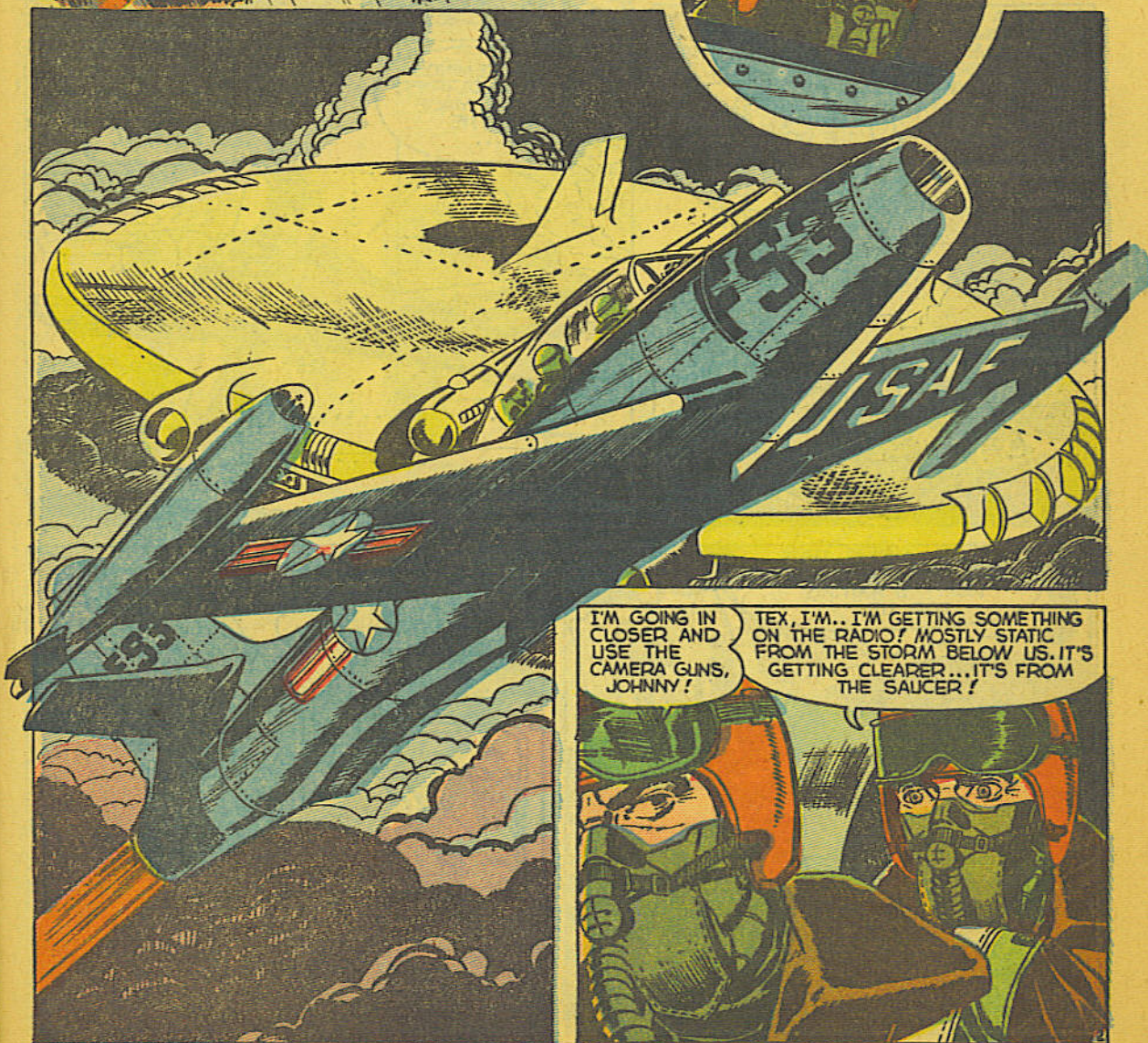
HANG ONTO YOUR BONNET,
I'M GOING UP AND TAKE A
LOOK FOR THAT CEILING THE
OLD MAN WAS TALKING
ABOUT!

LET HER
SNORT,
TEX...

HEY, CAME THE
DAWN, PARTNER!
THAT BLUE SKY
LOOKS...

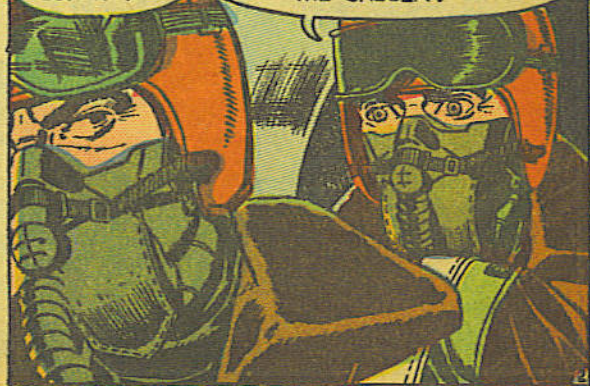
TEX! LOOK
OVER THERE
...LOOK OFF
YOUR
LEFT WING
TIP!

YE GODS AND
LITTLE FISHES! I DIDN'T
THINK THEY..EXISTED!



I'M GOING IN
CLOSER AND
USE THE
CAMERA GUNS,
JOHNNY!

TEX, I'M.. I'M GETTING SOMETHING
ON THE RADIO! MOSTLY STATIC
FROM THE STORM BELOW US. IT'S
GETTING CLEARER...IT'S FROM
THE SAUCER!



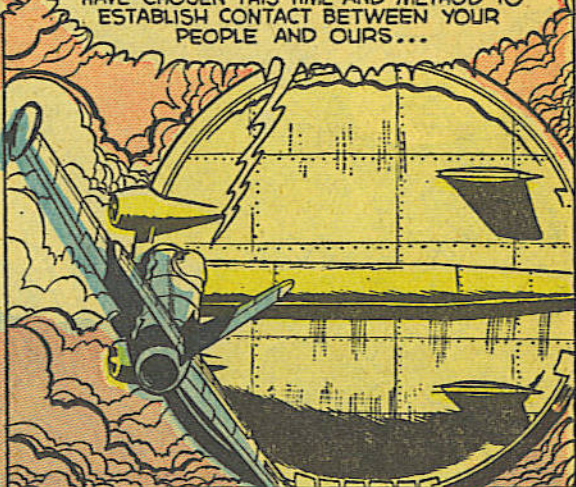
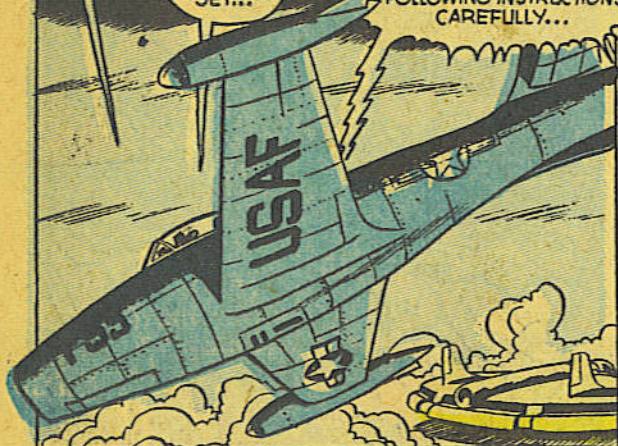
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YOU'RE NUTS...!

OH, YEAH? TURN ON YOUR SET...

SPACE SHIP TO PLANE... DO NOT BE ALARMED... WE MEAN YOU NO HARM... LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY...

WE INVITE YOU TO LAND ON THE UPPER SURFACE OF OUR CRAFT... YOUR FORWARD MOTION AFTER YOUR TOUCH DOWN WILL BE ARRESTED BY MEANS OF MAGNETIC ATTRACTION... WE HAVE CHOSEN THIS TIME AND METHOD TO ESTABLISH CONTACT BETWEEN YOUR PEOPLE AND OURS...

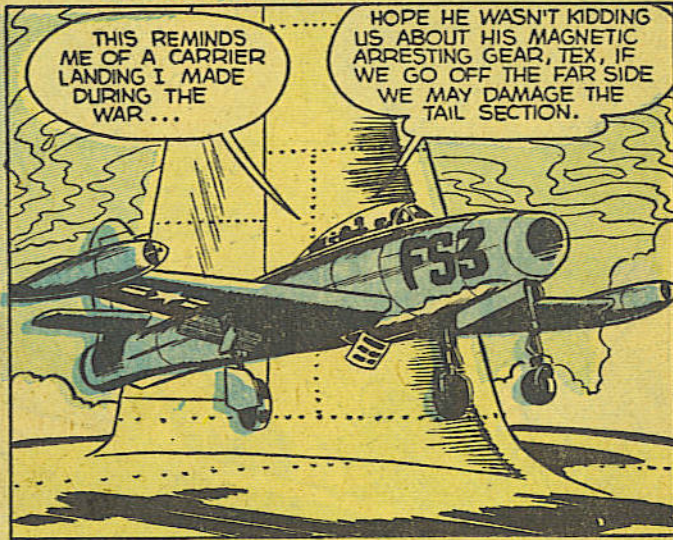


THIS IS A LITTLE BEYOND THE REGULATION BOOK, JOHNNY, SO I'M FORGETTING OUR RESPECTIVE GRADES AND THE FACT THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN COMMAND... I'M ALL FOR TAKING THEM UP ON IT... BUT ONLY WITH YOUR CONSENT!

I AGREED WITH YOU BEFORE THE WORDS WERE OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, TEX! LET'S GO!

THIS REMINDS ME OF A CARRIER LANDING I MADE DURING THE WAR...

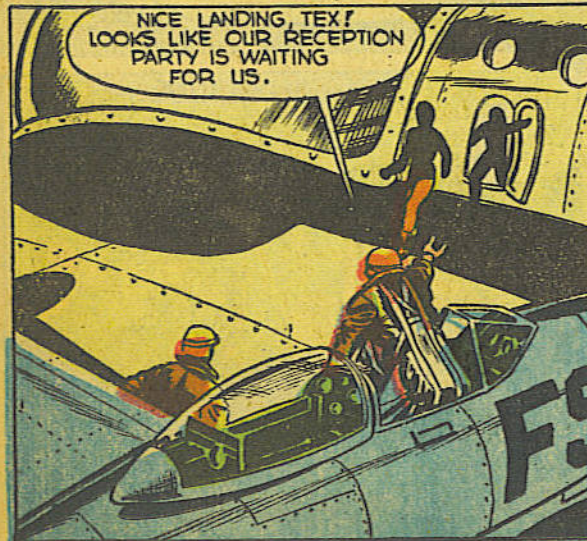
HOPE HE WASN'T KIDDING US ABOUT HIS MAGNETIC ARRESTING GEAR, TEX, IF WE GO OFF THE FAR SIDE WE MAY DAMAGE THE TAIL SECTION.



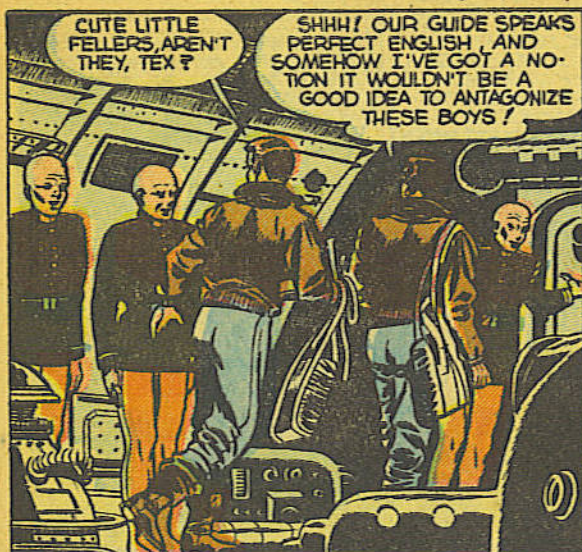
NICE LANDING, TEX! LOOKS LIKE OUR RECEPTION PARTY IS WAITING FOR US.

GREETINGS, MEN FROM EARTH! WILL YOU BE SO KIND AS TO ALLOW ME TO ESCORT YOU TO MY COMMANDER!!!

CHARMED, I'M SURE...



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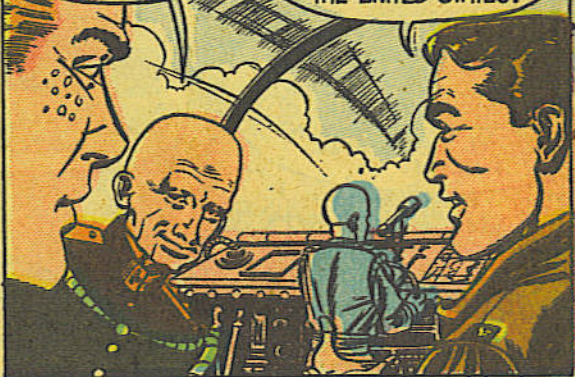


CUTE LITTLE FELLERS, AREN'T THEY, TEX?

SHHH! OUR GUIDE SPEAKS PERFECT ENGLISH, AND SOMEHOW I'VE GOT A NOTION IT WOULDN'T BE A GOOD IDEA TO ANTAGONIZE THESE BOYS!

PLEASE BE SEATED, GENTLEMEN. I AM COMMANDER GORT, OR AT LEAST THAT IS AS NEAR AS I CAN TRANSLATE MY NAME TO YOUR LANGUAGE. MY SECOND OFFICER WILL SHORTLY SUPPLY US WITH REFRESHMENTS...

THANK YOU COMMANDER. THIS IS LIEUTENANT JOHN WILDE, AND I AM COLONEL EDWARD WARING, OFFICERS OF THE AIR FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES.



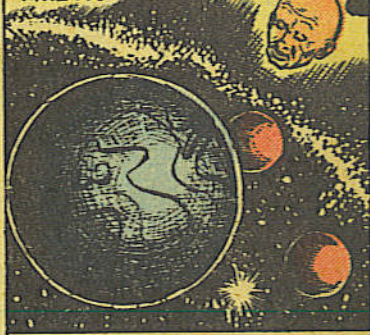
YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH US WAS NOT ENTIRELY BY ACCIDENT, COLONEL. I WAS SENT TO MAKE CONTACT AND I CHOSE THIS METHOD, RATHER THAN RISK THE PANIC OF YOUR PEOPLE AT SEEING A SPACECRAFT FROM ANOTHER PLANET LANDING IN THEIR MIDST! I HOPE YOU WILL ACT AS MY UASON WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT...



I SHALL LEAD UP TO THE PURPOSE OF OUR ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH YOUR PLANET BY TELLING YOU FIRST OF OUR BACKGROUND... THE HISTORY OF MY PEOPLE! OUR HISTORY DATES BACK MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE YOURS, AND ORIGINATED MILLIONS OF YOUR EARTH MILES FROM HERE, ON THE MOONS OF THE PLANET YOU CALL SATURN!



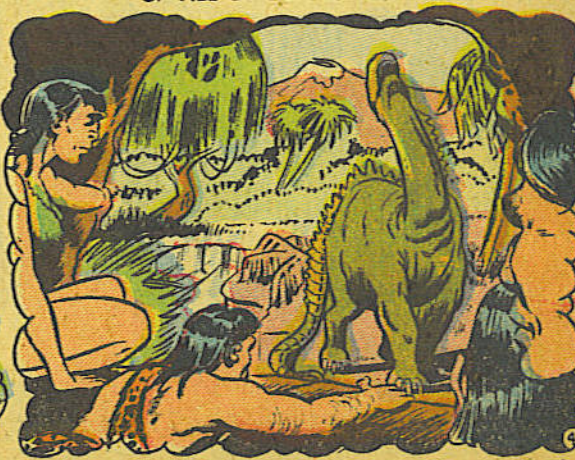
*IN THE BEGINNING THERE WERE BUT TWO MOONS OF SATURN, INSTEAD OF THE "RINGS" NOW PRESENT AROUND THE PLANET. THEY TRAVELLED SWIFTLY IN OPPOSING ORBITS, MISSING EACH OTHER BY A THOUSAND MILES AT THEIR CLOSEST OPPOSITION. LIFE BEGAN ON BOTH MOONS AT THE SAME TIME...



OUR EARLY HISTORY WAS MUCH THE SAME AS YOURS. AT FIRST WE FOUGHT ONE ANOTHER....



THEN CAME THE AGE OF THE GIGANTIC BEASTS, AS IN YOUR HISTORY! THAT WAS WHEN WE CEASED TO FIGHT ONE ANOTHER AND Banded TOGETHER FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL OF OUR KIND!



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THOUSANDS OF YEARS LATER WE CAME TO THE TELESCOPIC PERIOD, AND WE DISCOVERED THAT WE WERE NOT UNIQUE IN THE UNIVERSE... MY ANCESTORS KNEW AT LEAST THAT THERE WERE, IN FACT, TWO WORLDS!

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PROVE IT... THERE IS ANOTHER CIVILIZED WORLD! IT PASSES WITHIN TWELVE MICRONEUMS OF OUR PLANET EACH SECOND PERIOD! THIS INFORMATION MUST GO ONLY TO OUR GOVERNMENT... NOT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

IT WAS A TERRIFIC STEP FORWARD WHEN WE DISCOVERED A MEANS OF SPACE TRAVEL, FOR THEN IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR MY FOOLISH ANCESTORS TO BEGIN THE THOUSAND YEARS' WAR!

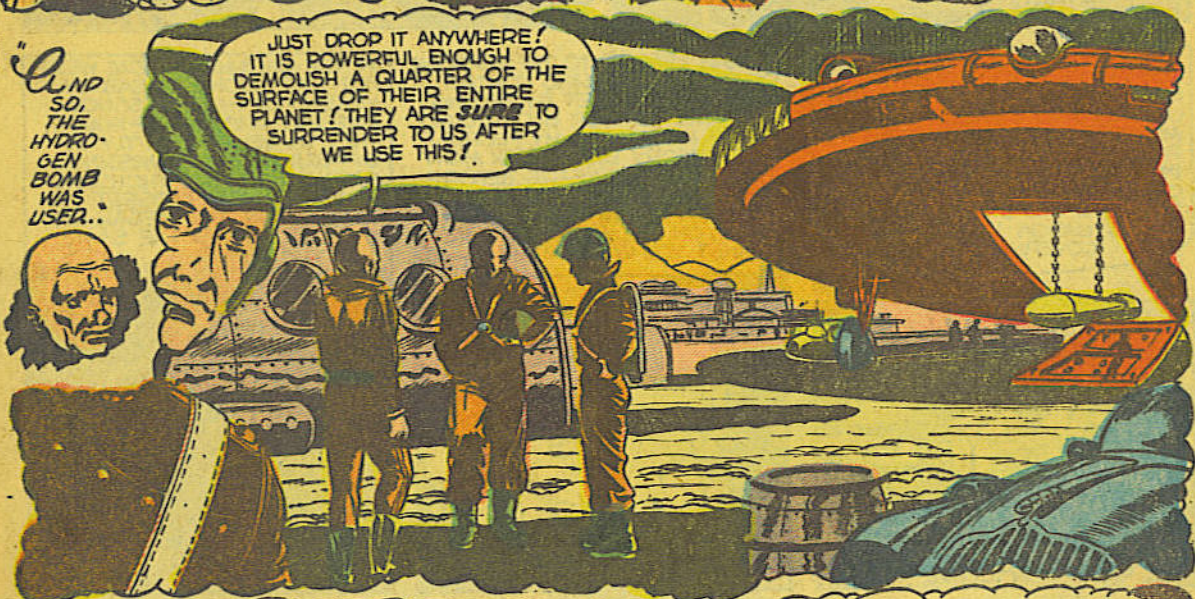
OUR SPACE FLEET IS READY AND WAITING. OUR ARMED FORCES ARE AT THE PEAK OF MOBILIZATION! WE AWAIT ONLY YOUR VOTE TONIGHT AND WE SHALL ATTACK! WITHIN FOUR PERIODS WE SHALL HAVE CONQUERED THE OTHER WORLD!

AND THERE OUR HISTORIES DIVERGED. WE ATTAINED SPACE TRAVEL FIRST, THE BOMBS FROM HYDROGEN CAME LATER... A THOUSAND YEARS LATER!

HERE IT IS, GENTLEMEN... A BOMB THAT WILL FINALLY BLAST THEM INTO SUBMISSION!

AND SO, THE HYDROGEN BOMB WAS USED...

JUST DROP IT ANYWHERE! IT IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEMOLISH A QUARTER OF THE SURFACE OF THEIR ENTIRE PLANET! THEY ARE SURE TO SURRENDER TO US AFTER WE USE THIS!



THERE IS NO QUESTION... THE OTHER WORLD IS COMING CLOSER TO US EACH TIME OUR ORBITS CROSS ONE ANOTHER! IT IS THE RESULT OF THE HYDROGEN EXPLOSION!

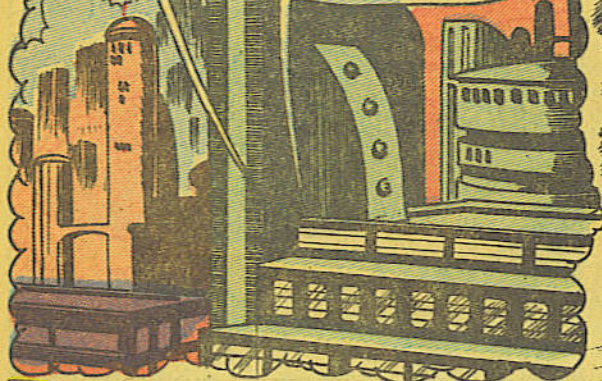
THE OTHER WORLD HAS BEEN THROWN FROM ITS ORBIT BY THE FORCE OF THE HYDROGEN BOMB! WE SHALL COLLIDE WITH IT IN SEVEN MORE PERIODS! OUR ONE HOPE OF ESCAPE IS BY SPACESHIPS... TO ANOTHER HABITABLE PLANET IN THE GALAXY.



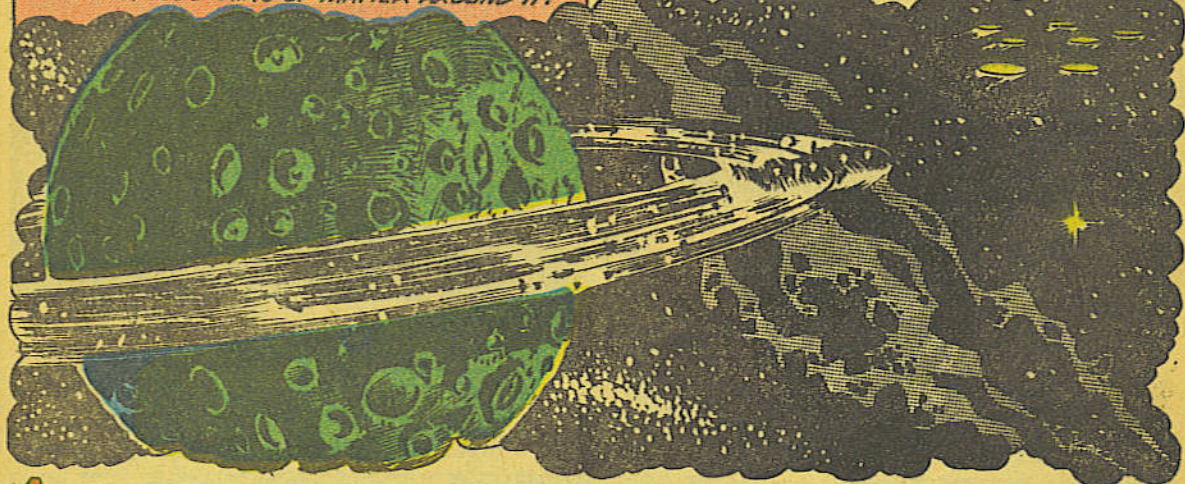
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BUT WHAT PLANET?
THE HUGE PLANET
NEAREST US HAS
A POISONOUS
ATMOSPHERE!
WE CANNOT
GO THERE.

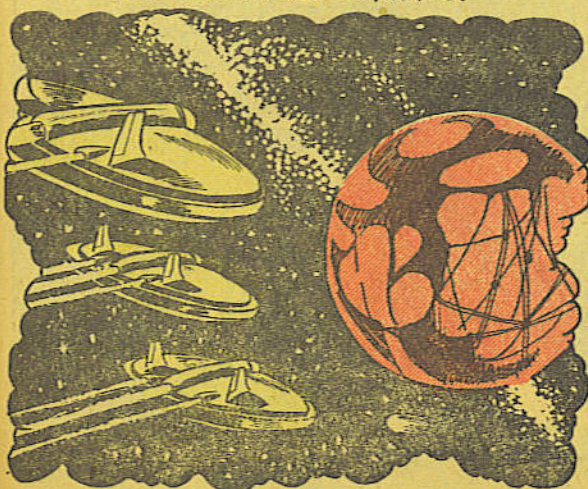
WE MUST BUILD SHIPS... AS
MANY AS POSSIBLE... AND
PICK THE CREAM OF OUR
RACE. AN EQUAL NUMBER OF
EACH SEX. THEY WILL VOYAGE
INTO THE OUTER REACHES IN
SEARCH OF A PLANET ON
WHICH TO SETTLE.



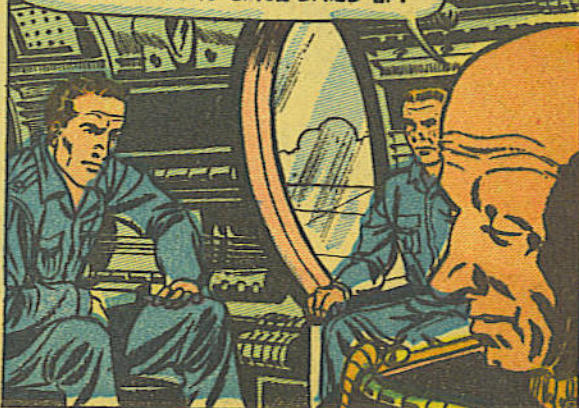
AND SO OUR WORLD AND THE OTHER ONE,
OUR CITIES, OUR EMPLACEMENTS, WERE
BLASTED TO FRAGMENTS... FRAGMENTS WHICH
CONTINUED TO CIRCLE THE MOTHER PLANET,
FORMING A SOLID RING OF MATTER AROUND IT!"



AND THE SURVIVORS FOUND A HABITABLE
WORLD. YOUR NEIGHBOR, MARS!"



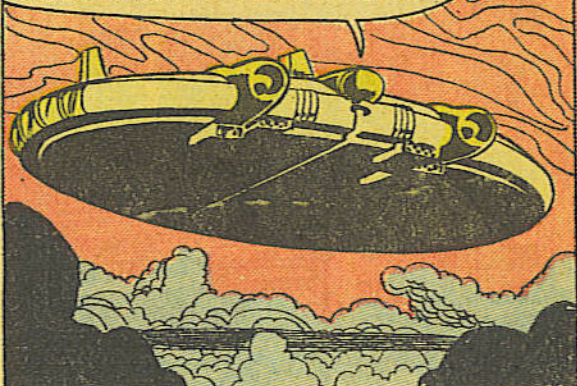
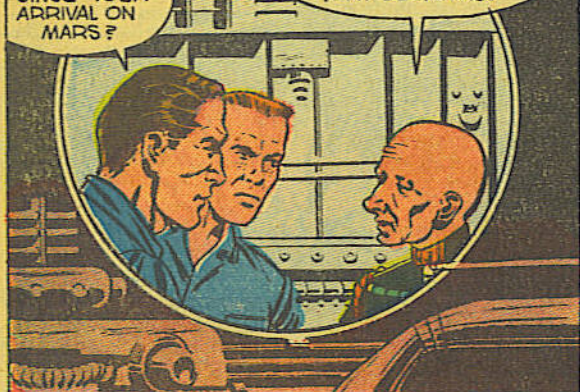
IT HAS BEEN A HARD LIFE FOR US ON MARS. WE'VE
LIVED UNDERGROUND... TO ESCAPE BEING SEEN BY
YOUR TELESCOPES ON EARTH! WE DUG CANALS
FROM THE POLAR ICE CAPS TO IRRIGATE CROPS,
BUT THE CAPS ARE DISAPPEARING...
THE CANALS LONG SINCE DRIED UP.



I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND NOW, COMMANDER. YOUR SAUCERS, AS WE CALL THEM, HAVE BEEN KEEPING US UNDER SURVEILLANCE SINCE YOUR ARRIVAL ON MARS?

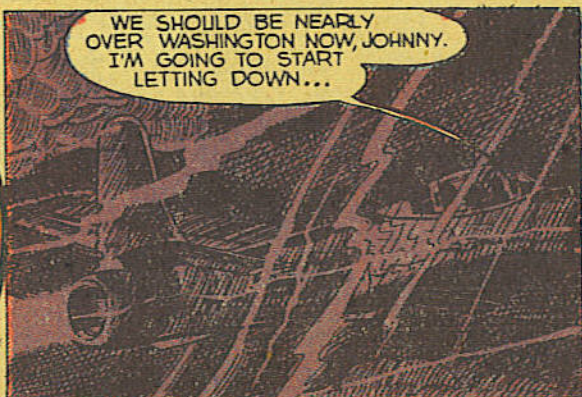
CORRECT. FOR OVER THREE HUNDRED YEARS! AT FIRST YOU WERE TOO MANY FOR US... WE WERE AFRAID OF YOUR NUMBERS... THOUGH WE HAVE WANTED YOUR PLANET FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!

YOU NO LONGER OUTNUMBER US, COLONEL, NOR ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO RESIST US... AND SO I COME TO THE REASON FOR OUR CONTACT WITH YOUR PEOPLE. I'VE BEEN SENT TO DELIVER AN ULTIMATUM TO YOU! GATHER THE PEOPLE OF EARTH ONTO ONE HALF OF YOUR GLOBE... AND ALLOW US TO INHABIT THE REMAINING HALF IN PEACE... OR...



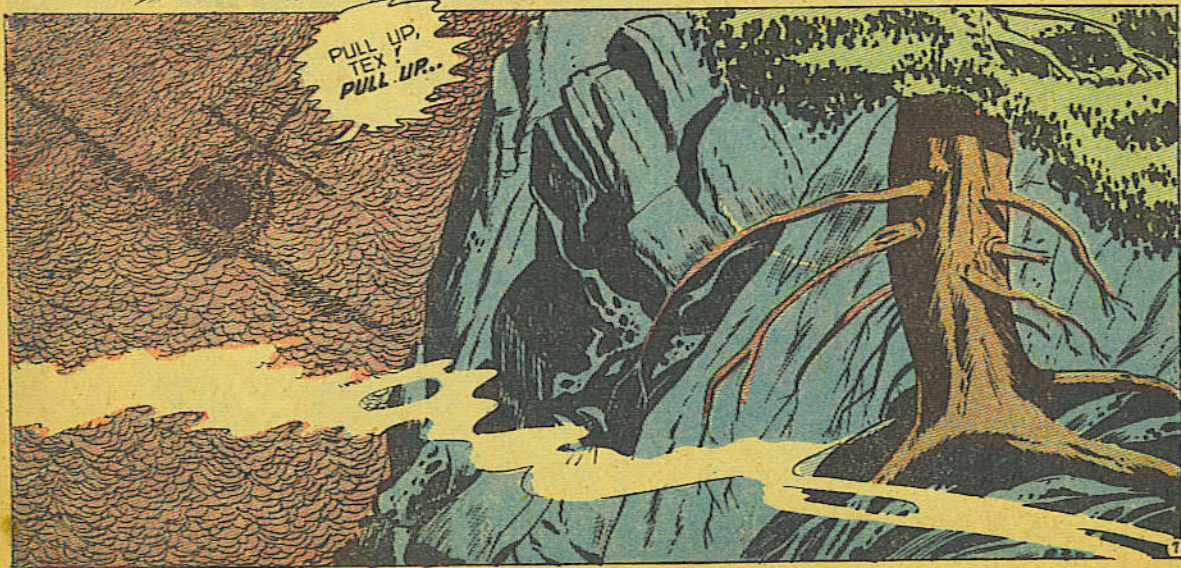
...OR WE SHALL WIPE YOU OUT AND CLAIM **ALL** OF YOUR PLANET! YOU WILL CONTACT US AGAIN... BY RADIO.. WITHIN TWENTY FOUR OF YOUR EARTH HOURS. URGE YOUR SUPERIORS TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY, COLONEL! YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE WHENEVER YOU WISH.

WE SHOULD BE NEARLY OVER WASHINGTON NOW, JOHNNY. I'M GOING TO START LETTING DOWN...



OVER WASHINGTON, COLONEL? PERHAPS... PERHAPS NOT! YOU'RE FLYING ON INSTRUMENTS, AREN'T YOU, COLONEL? REMEMBER THE MAGNETIC ARRESTING GEAR ON THE SAUCER? COULD IT HAVE HAD ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON YOUR COMPASS... ON YOUR OTHER INSTRUMENTS?

PULL UP, TEX! PULL UP..



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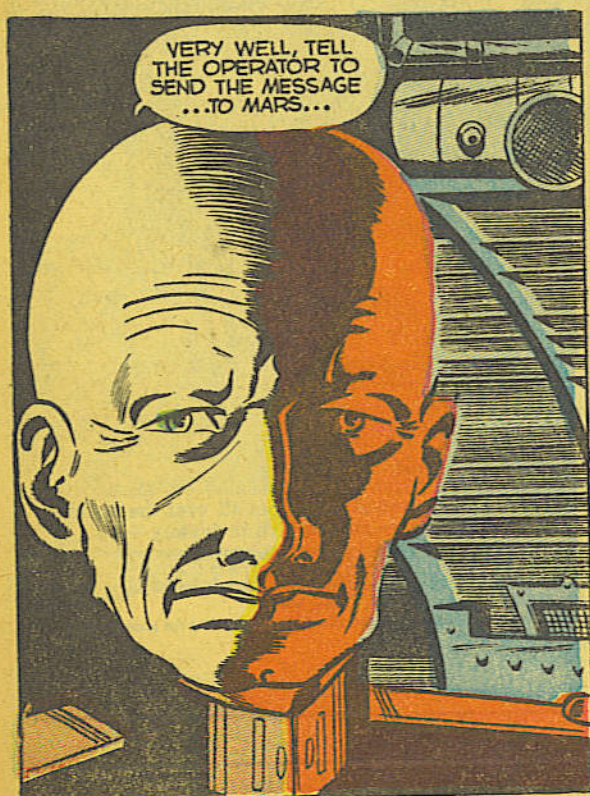
THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD, COMMANDER. INDEED, THEY SEEM TO HAVE IGNORED US ALTOGETHER!

OUR RECEIVING SETS ARE OPERATING CORRECTLY?

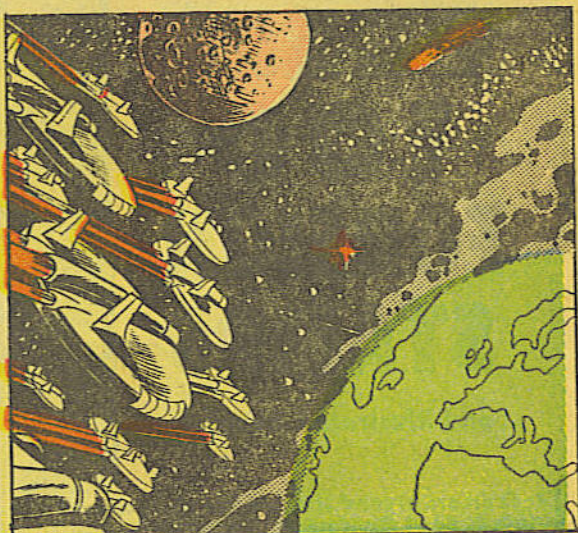


YES, SIR, WE ARE MONITORING THE EARTH COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS AS WE ALWAYS HAVE...

I'M TRULY SORRY THEY SAW FIT TO TAKE THIS ATTITUDE...



VERY WELL, TELL THE OPERATOR TO SEND THE MESSAGE ...TO MARS...



SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE FIRST SAUCER LEFT THE ATMOSPHERE OF MARS. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A DOZEN, A HUNDRED ... AND THEN THEY CAME IN FORMATIONS IN COUNTLESS NUMBERS... THE MIGHTIEST INVASION FORCE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE... AND DISAPPEARED

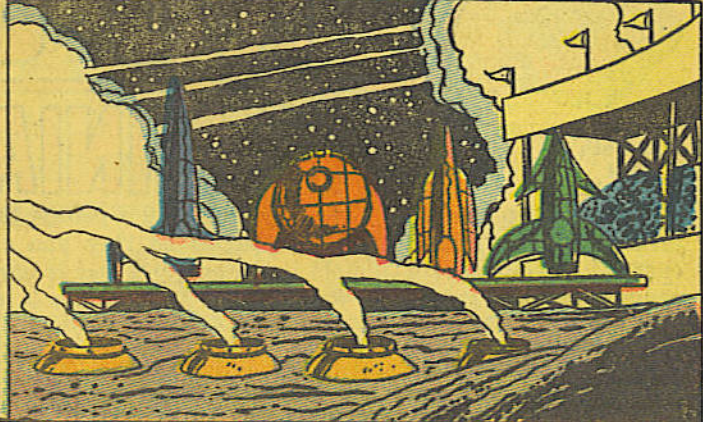
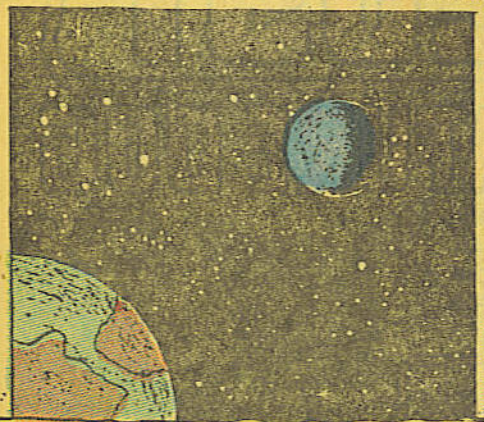


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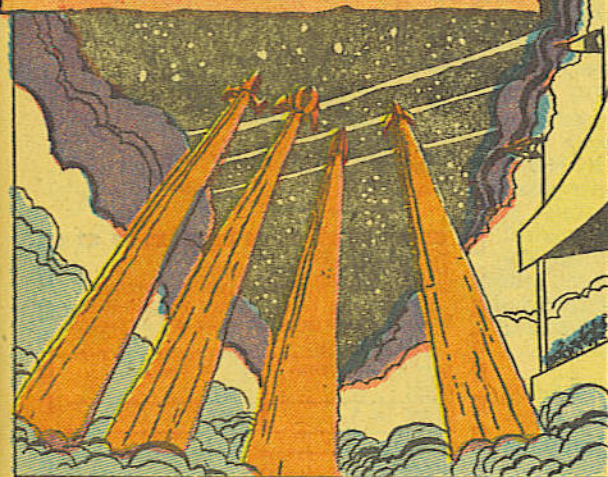
RACE TO THE MOON

THE MEN OF TOMORROW WILL FIND AUTO-CAR RACING TOO TAME AND WILL LOOK TO THE UNIVERSE FOR NEW HIGH SPEED THRILLS

SO LET US VENTURE INTO THAT ERA WHERE WE FIND A RACE TO THE MOON ABOUT TO BEGIN.



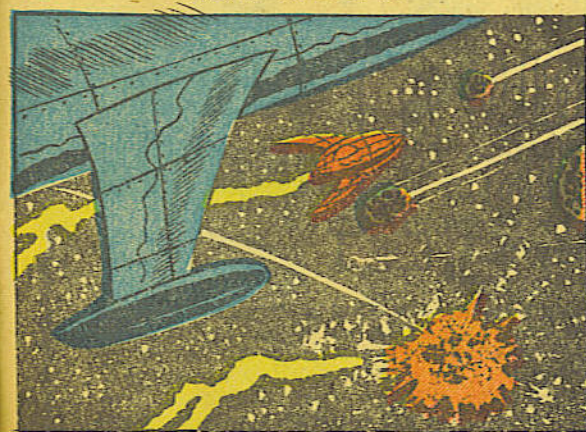
WITH A TERRIFIC ROAR FROM THE SOUPED-UP ROCKETS, THEY BLAST OFF...



STRANGELY ENOUGH THE WINNER IS USUALLY DETERMINED ONCE THE PACK BREAKS THE EARTH'S GRAVITY, BECAUSE FROM THEN ON THEY MUST ALL FALL TO THE MOON AT THE SAME SPEED.



HOWEVER, SKILL AND THRILLS ARE ADDED IN DODGING ASTEROIDS.



THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE NO MORE THAN THE WINNER OF TODAY...A PERSONAL EXHILARATION ONE GETS FROM BEING FIRST IN A COMPETITIVE FIELD.

